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THE JOAN WEILL CENTER FOR DANCE
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HISTORY
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JUNIOR DIVISION AGES 3-17
The Junior Division provides a variety of programs appropriate for each child’s age and level of technique.

THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM, for students ages 7-17, is designed to develop well-rounded young dancers through a diverse curriculum that offers a rich artistic experience for the aspiring young dancer. Ailey students are immersed in the Horton, Limón and Graham-based modern dance techniques and the classicism of ballet. They also study West African, Spanish dance and tap. A placement audition is required for admission to the Pre-Professional Program.

THE JUNIOR DIVISION SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM provides an opportunity for intermediate and advanced dance students ages 12-15 to immerse themselves in an intensive session. Students take classes in ballet, modern and jazz and learn repertoire in special workshops. An audition is required for admission. (A Professional Division Summer Intensive is offered for students ages 16 and older.)

BOUNDING BOYS, an extension of the First Steps Program, offers a creative, athletic experience for young boys ages 4-6 to develop dance skills and coordination through music, movement and tumbling techniques.

THE FIRST STEPS PROGRAM, for students ages 3-6, offers a creative and enjoyable introduction to dance specifically structured to bring the joy of music and movement to young children. In this program, students enjoy the challenge of developing their mind and muscle memory from week to week through a series of exercises that lay the groundwork for proper dance technique. The children develop body awareness and control while exploring their own creativity and develop an understanding of the connection between dance, rhythm and music. Students are encouraged to think creatively and listen attentively while they develop rhythmic awareness and learn the healthy habit of exercising at an early age.

IN ADDITION TO EXCEPTIONAL DANCE TRAINING, THE AILEY SCHOOL OFFERS:
Classes in an enjoyable, caring, artistic environment that develops self-confidence.
Distinguished faculty with extensive dance experience working with children.
Multicultural faculty and student body
12 beautiful, spacious, climate-controlled studios conveniently located near subway and bus stops.
Year-end and end-of-summer performances held at the School’s beautiful new Citigroup Theater or another New York City theater.

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