

March, 7-8, 2025

Accent Dance NYC 2025 Spring Season

Company: Accent Dance NYC
Venue: Ailey CitiGroup Theater
Location: New York, NY

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In February 2020, Accent Dance NYC was set to make its highly anticipated New York debut. Weeks later, the world shut down, and its first full-length performance was canceled. Now, five years later, the company takes center stage, presenting an evening that embodies its mission and artistic journey. On March 7 and 8, 2025, at Ailey CitiGroup Theater, Accent Dance NYC will showcase over 22 exceptional artists in a richly diverse program spanning ballet, contemporary, hip hop, African dance, Latin dance, and more.

The evening will feature Pedro Ruiz's *Danzón*, Danielle Diniz's *A Place for Us*, and Will Ervin's *Narcissus*, alongside a powerful African dance performance with live drumming and additional works that highlight the company's breadth of movement and storytelling.

Originally scheduled to premiere in 2020, *Danzón* by Cuban choreographer Pedro Ruiz is a reimagining of Cuba's traditional dance, blending traditional form with contemporary and ballet influences to create a joyous celebration of rhythm, music, and movement. Diniz's *A Place for Us* is a 13-minute multidisciplinary work that blends ballet, Latin, contemporary, and theater dance to tell the deeply personal yet universal story of immigration. Inspired by her own family's history—her grandmother emigrating from Mexico and her grandfather from Portugal—Diniz explores the challenges, hopes, and dreams of those seeking a new home. The work reflects on the diverse cultural contributions that shape America and offers a compassionate meditation on finding belonging in a new land. Ervin's *Narcissus* is a striking fusion of modern, contemporary, and street dance, inspired by the Greek myth and the lifelong journey towards self-actualization and self-acceptance. Drawing further inspiration from the narcissus flower—symbolizing rebirth, inner reflection, and hope—Ervin's choreography invites audiences to consider the ways we see ourselves and how those perceptions shape identity.

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