

# Alvin Ailey

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One of the processes of your life is to constantly break down that inferiority, to constantly reaffirm that I Am Somebody.

~Alvin Ailey

To be who you are and become what you are capable of is the only goal worth living.

~Alvin Ailey

Dance is for everybody. I believe that the dance came from the people and that it should always be delivered back to the people.

~Alvin Ailey

Racism tears down your insides so that no matter what you achieve, you're not quite up to snuff.

~Alvin Ailey

Making dances is an act of progress; it is an act of growth, an act of music, an act of teaching, an act of celebration, an act of joy.

~Alvin Ailey

The creative process is not controlled by a switch you can simply turn on or off; it's with you all the time.

~Alvin Ailey

I am trying to show the world that we are all human beings and that color is not important. What is important is the quality of our work.

~Alvin Ailey

My lasting impression of Truman Capote is that he was a terribly gentle, terribly sensitive, and terribly sad man.

~Alvin Ailey

But the dance speaks to everyone. Otherwise it wouldn't work.

~Alvin Ailey

Everything in dancing is style, allusion, the essence of many thoughts and feelings. The abstraction of many moments.

~Alvin Ailey

Choreography is mentally draining, but there's a pleasure in getting into the studio with the dancers and the music.

~Alvin Ailey

I wanted to explore black culture, and I wanted that culture to be a revelation.

~Alvin Ailey

I'm attracted to long-legged girls with long arms and a little head.

~Alvin Ailey

Money is a never-ending problem.

~Alvin Ailey

If you live in the elite world of dance, you find yourself in a world rife with racism. Let's face it.

~Alvin Ailey

We still spend more time chasing funds than we do in the studio in creative work.

~Alvin Ailey

Sometimes you feel bad about yourself when there's no reason to.

~Alvin Ailey

No matter what you write or choreograph, you feel it is not enough.

~Alvin Ailey

It will take very sophisticated marketing to achieve our aim of bringing more black people into the theater.

~Alvin Ailey

Lena Horne is the sweetest and most adorable woman in the world.

~Alvin Ailey

My feelings about myself have been terrible.

~Alvin Ailey

I always want to have more dancers in my company.

~Alvin Ailey

One of the worst things about racism is what it does to young people.

~Alvin Ailey

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