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AND SCOTT MILLS, MEDIA EXECUTIVE AND PHILANTHROPIST
AT 2026 VISION GALA

Visionary Choreographer and Creative Director Fatima Robinson to Receive the Arthur Mitchell Vision Award

Dance Theatre of Harlem Announces Host Committee: Isolde Brielmaier, Sandrine Charles, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Antwaun Sargent, Bevy Smith and Mickalene Thomas

Music by DJ D-Nice and Non-Stop Vibes with Kenny Burns



(New York, NY) January 13, 2026 — **Dance Theatre of Harlem** (DTH), the world-renowned dance institution, will return to New York City Center on **Friday, April 17, 2026**, to host its annual Vision Gala. The Vision Gala is a signature fundraising event supporting Dance Theatre of Harlem's artistic season and the Dance Theatre of Harlem School.

The evening will be hosted by a distinguished **host committee** spanning art, film, fashion and cultural criticism including **Isolde Brielmaier, Sandrine Charles, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Antwaun Sargent, Bevy Smith and Mickalene Thomas**.

Each year, DTH honors a visionary with the **Arthur Mitchell Vision Award** - a testament to that individual's work which reflects the legacy and mission of DTH's co-founder Arthur Mitchell. For the 2026 Vision Gala, Dance Theatre of Harlem will honor **Fatima Robinson**, the groundbreaking choreographer and creative director whose influence across music, film, fashion, and culture has challenged the status quo of contemporary visual storytelling. Additionally, DTH is proud to acknowledge and honor media executive and philanthropist, **Scott Mills** with the Virtuoso Award.

Previous Vision Gala honorees include **Darren Walker, Debbie Allen, Misty Copeland, Jessye Norman**, and other luminaries whose work has advanced the arts and expanded access to creative expression.

The Vision Gala will begin with a **6:30PM performance** at **New York City Center**, featuring tribute performances by the Dance Theatre of Harlem company. Following the performance, guests will gather for **dinner and dancing at the Ziegfeld Ballroom**, continuing the celebration of artistic excellence and cultural vision. Entertainment for the evening will be led by DJ D-Nice and Kenny Burns, who will handle music and MC duties, respectively. The gala is also part of Dance Theatre of Harlem's **2026 New York season**, led by its Artistic Director **Robert Garland**, and highlights the organization's dynamic repertory that bridges tradition and innovation. See more details on the New York season below:

Thursday, April 16 | 7:30PM - Dance Community Night

Blake Works IV (The Barre Project) – Choreography by William Forsythe
Passage of Being – Choreography by Jodie Gates
New Bach – Choreography by Robert Garland
Firebird – Choreography by John Taras

Saturday, April 18 | 7:30PM - Divine Nine/HBCU Night

Higher Ground – Choreography by Robert Garland
The Vertiginous Thrill of Exactitude – Choreography by William Forsythe
Nyman String Quartet No. 2 – Choreography by Robert Garland
Firebird – Choreography by John Taras

Sunday, April 19 | 3PM - Meet the Ballerina Matinee

Blake Works IV (The Barre Project) – Choreography by William Forsythe
Nyman String Quartet No. 2 – Choreography by Robert Garland
Passage of Being – Choreography by Jodie Gates
Firebird – Choreography by John Taras

For Vision Gala tickets and additional information, please contact
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About Dance Theatre of Harlem

Dance Theatre of Harlem is a leading dance institution of unparalleled global acclaim, encompassing a world-class company, a professional studio school, a leading arts education program—Dancing Through Barriers®—and community engagement initiatives. Founded in 1969 by Arthur Mitchell and Karel Shook, Dance Theatre of Harlem has been celebrated as “one of ballet’s most exciting undertakings” (The New York Times) and continues to set standards for artistic excellence, access, and innovation in the performing arts.

For more information about Dance Theatre of Harlem, visit

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