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**{Docurama Film Festival IV}
*Official Selection***

“...captures both the explosive talent and the scrappy backbone that makes this company unique.”
-- *Newsday*

**FROM PEABODY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER PHIL BERTELSEN COMES
A ROUSING, BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK INTO ONE OF AMERICA’S
OLDEST AND MOST INNOVATIVE MODERN DANCE TROUPES**

**ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER:
BEYOND THE STEPS**

As Featured on PBS’ “Great Performances” Series, This Official Selection of Docurama
Film Festival IV Also Includes the Complete Russian Debut of the Ballet “Love Stories”

IN STORES SEPTEMBER 25

NEW YORK, NY, -- Internationally renown as a modern dance institution, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has been inspiring and thrilling dance connoisseurs for decades. From its founding in 1958, this prestigious troupe, which has performed for over 21 million people in 71 countries, has built a reputation as one of the best and most celebrated dance companies working today. And, on September 25, join award-winning filmmaker Phil Bertelsen and Docurama® for a revealing behind-the-scenes glimpse with **ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN THEATER: BEYOND THE STEPS**, a dazzling cinema verité documentary following the extraordinary dancers and renowned choreographers as they do everything it takes to keep modern dance fresh and a legacy alive.

“A breakthrough...”
– Dance on Camera Journal

Shining a spotlight at one of America’s oldest modern dance companies, this award-winning film follows the troupe at a defining moment in its history – as it settles into its own permanent home and training facility in New York City. Set against the construction of a revolutionary new dance center and the creation of a new work, every bit of passion, talent, and hard work that goes into keeping a company running is on full display. Seamlessly weaving from rehearsal to a triumphant tour in Russia, back to their new dream-come-true digs in Manhattan, **BEYOND THE STEPS** intertwines the dancers’

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individual tragedies and triumphs with breathtaking performance footage from their journey, shining a spotlight on the story of one of America's most beloved cultural institutions. Visually stunning and emotionally poignant, the film provides a rare glimpse into the fascinating world of modern dance.

The feature length DVD also includes the complete and uninterrupted Russian debut of the ballet *Love Stories* by longtime company Artistic Director Judith Jamison.

About Docurama Film Festival™

Inspired by the unique, creative energy and exclusive "buzz" only experienced at a film festival, Docurama launched an innovative, home entertainment industry first in June 2006 with the DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL (DFF). Creating a new way for audiences to experience the excitement of a festival, anywhere, and at any time, on DVD, the DFF features a slate of astonishing, unforgettable films home viewers won't see anywhere else and a host of singular tools to help deepen the viewing experience -- a dedicated website featuring filmmaker Q&A's, podcasts, an interactive "buzz" blog, a festival catalog and more. DOCURAMA FILM FESTIVAL will change the way audiences view documentaries on DVD forever.

About Docurama

Founded in 1999 by parent company New Video Group Inc., Docurama is the only label dedicated exclusively to bringing critically acclaimed and cutting-edge documentary films to the home entertainment marketplace. Since its launch, Docurama has released over 150 award-winning and highly acclaimed films including D.A. Pennebaker's *Bob Dylan: Dont Look Back*, *Brother's Keeper* and *Paradise Lost* from acclaimed filmmaking partners Joe Berlinger & Bruce Sinofsky, *Southern Comfort*, *Lost in La Mancha*, *Lost Boys of Sudan*, Andy Goldsworthy's *Rivers and Tides* *Working With Time*, the 2005 theatrical sleeper hit *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* and the widely acclaimed *Sundance Channel* documentary series *The Staircase*. Among Docurama's collection of Academy Award® winners and nominees are *Murder on a Sunday Morning*, *The Weather Underground*, *Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision*, *Regret To Inform*, *Children Underground*, *Sister Rose's Passion*, and *Sound and Fury*. New Video is also the exclusive label and distributor for the A&E Home Video and The History Channel® and Biography®. To find out more about these or any Docurama films visit www.newvideo.com. www.docurama.com

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