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Dance Theatre Of Harlem Returns To Philadelphia After Eight Year Hiatus To Perform At The Annenberg Center For The Performing Arts, May 16-19

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If the closest you've ever gotten to ballet is that one Halloween party when you dressed as Natalie Portman's character from *Black Swan*, then it might be time to brush up on your barre exercises (not bar exercises, of the alcoholic variety).

And in the realm of cultural calculus, there's no better tutor than [Dance Theatre of Harlem](#) – the troupe that jetsets and revolutionizes like rock stars. (The '80s generation might recognize them as the first American ballet company to perform in Russia – just one instance in a history of firsts.)

It's been eight years since the troupe's last Philly visit, so don't make like a comet enthusiast and wait for them to swing around for the next pass.

Performances start May 16 at the [Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts](#) as part of the Dance Celebration's 30th anniversary season.

With a little bit of *Swan Lake* sorcery and a whole lot of modern love, performances from *Agon* (1957) to *When Love* (2012) will more than bring your slippers up to speed. And the best part? You'll have the chance to dance your way into the action with a post-show talk back (May 17) and two outreach activities – a master class and Student Discovery program.

Tickets are available [online](#) or in person at the Annenberg Center box office.

Dance Theatre of Harlem

When: May 16-19

Where: Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 3680 Walnut Street

Cost: \$20-\$75

More info: www.annenbergcenter.org



Dance Theatre of Harlem returns to Philadelphia next month at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. (Photo courtesy Dance Theatre of Harlem)