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Mrs. Ford will open a six-day celebration of the music of Duke Ellington by the Alvin Ailey City Center Dance Theatre in New York Tuesday, August 10. The opening, which will launch Alvin Ailey's tribute to the Bicentennial, will be at the New York State Theater at Lincoln Center at 8 p.m.

The opening night program includes the Ailey Company and the Ellington Orchestra, with a special guest performance planned by Mikhail Baryshnikov. Mr. Baryshnikov will perform Alvin Ailey's "pas de 'DUKE'" with Judith Jamison. Among performances by the Ailey Company and the Ellington Orchestra will be "Night Creature" and "Caravan." The Alvin Ailey Repertory Workshop will also perform.

Baryshnikov is a permanent guest artist with the American Ballet Theatre.

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