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Ballet's best to aid AIDS

A JOINT effort to raise money for AIDS research is bringing together four of America's most renowned classical dance companies for the first time.

The American Ballet Theater, Dance Theater of Harlem, the Joffrey Ballet and the New York City Ballet will appear Oct. 5 at the New York State Theater in a benefit dance gala, "Dancing for Life."

The famed troupes will dance the final movement of Balanchine's "Symphony in C," and ABT's artistic director, Mikhail Baryshnikov, will perform "a dance still in the making."

Director-choreographer Jerome Robbins, who is coordinating the efforts of the 13 major participating dance companies, announced that Mark Morris, Dance Theater of Harlem and Paul Taylor will dance together in a Bach ballet, and that ABT, Lar Lubovitch Dance Company and New York City Ballet will dance to Mozart.

The goal is to raise \$1.4 million for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) and the National AIDS Network (NAN).

So far more than \$200,000 has been raised. Tickets at \$500, \$1000 and \$2500 are still available; the \$50 and \$150 tickets are sold out.

— Diane Stefani