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**Copeland**

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# Principal Dancer

The stage lights shine down. The music begins. Misty Copeland leaps onto the stage. High on her toes, she steps and hops. She kicks high, and her toes seem to touch the sky. Her spins last forever. When Copeland takes her bow, the audience roars. Bravo!





## Superstar

Copeland is a ballerina. She dances with the American Ballet Theatre (ABT). In 2015, she was named an ABT **principal** dancer. Some people didn't want her to have that honor. They said ballet was only for white dancers. They said ballerinas should be tall and thin. Copeland is short and African American. And she proved those people wrong. She is a powerful, beautiful dancer.

# FUN FACTS



**5 feet  
2 inches  
(1.6 m) tall**



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