The Men of American Ballet Theatre

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Calvin Royal III
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Although Dylan Coulter has made a living photographing actors, athletes, and politicians among others, he’s recently added a new subject to his portfolio. Finding a muse in professional dancers, he’s spent the last two years photographing members of the American Ballet Theatre. A novice to ballet, he was immediately enamored with the beauty and precision of their movements.

“The amount of precision in ballet is remarkable to me. Of course, the ballet dancers, the men and women are beautiful, just in incredible shape. So they’re very photographic. Most are always onstage so there’s a comfort level in front of the camera too that you don’t always have with certain subjects. It’s combining this comfort in front of the camera and a precision that makes it kind of a dream to photograph these ballet dancers in those regards.”

Coulter’s passion project is still ongoing. As his appreciation for this medium of performing art grows, he hopes the series sparks the same interest in others.