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**YoungArts Announces 30th Annual YoungArts Week in Miami January 10-15, 2011**

*National arts organization celebrates 30th anniversary by live streaming select performances online for a global audience of arts enthusiasts*

MIAMI, FL (December 29, 2010) – YoungArts, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) and the signature national program that recognizes and supports America’s most talented young artists in the visual, literary and performing arts, is proud to welcome and showcase the country’s top student artists for the workshops, master classes, exhibitions and performances of the 30th Annual YoungArts Week, January 10-15, 2011 in Miami. This year, for the first time in NFAA’s 30 year history, select performances will be live streamed online, to be viewed by friends, families, teachers and arts enthusiasts around the country. These performances will be available at [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org) beginning on January 10, 2011.

By attending YoungArts Week, the students have achieved the designation of YoungArts finalist, which means that they are the top 3% of over 5,000 applicants. Throughout the week, these finalists will be further evaluated, receiving their final award level and a financial award ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

“Art is evolving, and that is seen through the fresh faces and minds that go through our program,” says Christina DePaul, NFAA President and CEO. “Our program is expanding its reach beyond our Miami home, and showcasing the newest generation of American artists with our new live streaming initiative.”

YoungArts Week, an all-expenses paid, weeklong gathering, includes master classes, interdisciplinary workshops, readings, exhibitions and performances open to the public. Master teachers and guest artists include Bill T. Jones, Branford Marsalis, Liv Ullmann, Kerry Washington and Barry Frydlander.

NFAA is the sole nominating organization for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts recognition, and adjudicators will nominate up to 60 students for the nation’s top academic and artistic honor following YoungArts Week. From these 60 nominees, the Council on Presidential Scholars will select 20 students as the 2011 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Calendar at a Glance – YoungArts Week 2011:

- Monday, January 10, 8:00 pm, YoungArts Voice and Jazz Performance, Gusman Center for the Performing Arts, 174 East Flagler Street, Miami, FREE. Tickets available by calling the Gusman Center Box Office at (305) 374-2444, extension 222. Streamed live online at [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org) (8:00 p.m. EST).
- Tuesday, January 11, 8:00 pm, YoungArts Theater Performance, Gusman Center for the Performing Arts, 174 East Flagler Street, Miami, FREE. Tickets available by calling the Gusman Center Box Office at (305) 374-2444, extension 222. Streamed live online at [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org) (8:00 p.m. EST).
- Wednesday, January 12, 8:00 pm, YoungArts Dance Performance and Cinematic Arts Screening, Gusman Center for the Performing Arts, 174 East Flagler Street, Miami, FREE. Tickets available by calling the Gusman Center Box Office at (305) 374-2444, extension 222. Streamed live online at [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org) (8:00 p.m. EST).

- Thursday, January 13, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, YoungArts Writers' Readings, The Margulies Collection at the WAREhOUSE, 591 NW 27 Street, Miami, FREE, first come, first served.
- Thursday, January 13, 7:00 pm, YoungArts Visual Arts and Photography Exhibition Opening, The Margulies Collection at the WAREhOUSE, 591 NW 27 Street, Miami, FREE, first come first served.
- Thursday, January 13, 7:00 pm, YoungArts Jazz Performance, Van Dyke Café, 846 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach. Tickets available by calling the Van Dyke Box Office at (305) 534-3600.
- Friday, January 14, 8:00 pm, YoungArts Chamber Music Concert, Colony Theatre, 1040 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, FREE. Tickets available by calling the Colony Theatre Box Office at (305) 674-1040, extension 1.
- Saturday, January 15, 7:00 pm, YoungArts An Affair of the Arts Alumni Performance, Gusman Center for the Performing Arts, 174 East Flagler Street, Miami, Tickets available only with An Affair of the Arts Performance and Gala ticket purchase, available at [gala@youngarts.org](mailto:gala@youngarts.org). Performance streamed live online at [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org) (7:00 p.m. EST)

**About YoungArts:**

YoungArts, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), is the signature national program that recognizes and supports America's most talented 17-18 year olds in the visual, literary and performing arts. The organization's mission is to identify emerging artists and assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development, and to raise the appreciation for, and support of, the arts in American society. YoungArts provides financial awards, master classes with world-renowned artists and a rich network of professional contacts and career development opportunities. NFAA partners with the Presidential Scholars Foundation, the arm of the U.S. Department of Education honoring the nation's most deserving high school seniors. YoungArts is the sole nominating agency for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, an honor given to just 20 seniors, who receive their award at the White House.

YoungArts regional programs in New York City and Miami are hands-on programs designed to provide additional resources and enrichment. Participants have access to informative workshops, information about scholarships in the arts, career guidance, and portfolio development resources. YoungArts' 16,000 alumni include Broadway actors, award-winning playwrights, published authors and numerous well-known visual artists and notable names and arts advocates like Vanessa Williams, Allegra Goodman, John Currin and Kerry Washington.

For more information about YoungArts, visit [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org).

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