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youngARTS™ Alumni Passport

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Dear youngARTS Winner,

## Welcome to the youngARTS Family!

It is truly a pleasure for us to welcome you into this exclusive group – and to share some of the ongoing benefits of the Alumni program with you. We hope that your experiences during youngARTS Week will inspire you for a lifetime – and we want to stay connected so we can continue to help you achieve your dreams.

## youngARTS keeps on giving!

Your ongoing connection with youngARTS presents several opportunities for performances, increased public exposure and continued education. Some of the opportunities for Alumni include:

- We hire our talented Alumni to **perform** at all of our national promotional and fundraising events (in addition to compensation, we cover all travel and accommodation costs).
- We host **regional events** that provide additional opportunities for performances as well as master classes with the very best artistic talent the world has to offer.
- youngARTS brings Alumni back to youngARTS Week every year as **Resident Advisors** – so you will have the opportunity to relive your youngARTS experience.
- By becoming a **Discipline Coordinator** for youngARTS Week you have the chance to work closely with our acclaimed panel of educators.
- You may apply for the **Alumni Astral Award** after being an Alum for four years. The Astral Award provides financial assistance for a specific project that will enhance your artistic and professional growth.

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- The youngARTS' quarterly **Alumni eNewsletter** is a useful tool for networking, employment/fellowship opportunities and sharing performance highlights.
- **youngARTS Magazine** features Alumni profiles and updates in every issue – so that you have the chance to share your stories and updates with our readers all across the country.
- And finally, our network is a rich resource for professional contacts, job postings, career development opportunities and **so much more!**

## youngARTS is you!

YOU are our testament. youngARTS succeeds when you succeed – so please be sure to let us know what you are doing.

- **Keep us informed** of your current projects, gallery openings, performances or publishings.
- Ask us how to **get involved** in your region to spread the word and share your experiences with others.
- **Include us** in your performance bio, playbill, website, article, speech, book or interview. We will let you know how!
- **Talk** about your experience. Let others know about your youngARTS experience.

We look forward to your continued artistic success!

Best always,

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# Get Involved

“I am truly grateful.” ~Rafael Moras, 2006 youngARTS Silver Award Winner

“NFAA continued to have an effect on my career as a young artist that is immensely beneficial and for which I am truly grateful.”

~Rafael Moras, 2006 youngARTS Silver Winner in Classical Voice and Presidential Scholar in the Arts

## How to get the most out of being a youngARTS Alum:

- Visit our website: [www.youngARTS.org](http://www.youngARTS.org)
- Send your updates to [alumni@youngARTS.org](mailto:alumni@youngARTS.org)
- Visit the Official youngARTS Alumni page on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
- Visit our Myspace page at [www.myspace.com/artsprogram](http://www.myspace.com/artsprogram)
- Watch out for your quarterly youngARTS Alumni eNewsletter (be sure we have an updated email address!)
- Call us, any time, at **1.800.970.ARTS (2787)**
- Include us in your bio, playbill, website, article, speech, book and interview. Here's how:  
Ex. *Your Name, 2009 youngARTS (Gold or Silver- if applicable) Winner in Your Discipline (and Presidential Scholar in the Arts)*

# Save the Date!

“NFAA is making an effort...” ~Joel Atella, 2005 youngARTS Winner in Voice

“NFAA is making an effort to  
change the values of our country.”

~Joel Atella, 2005 youngARTS Winner in Voice and  
Presidential Scholar in the Arts

## **In the Studio, A Celebration of the youngARTS Gold and Silver Winners**

**April 1-3, 2009**

Join us for this year's youngARTS Gold and Silver performances and special Alumni programs. Visit [www.youngARTS.org](http://www.youngARTS.org) for more details.

## **Presidential Scholars Ceremony in Washington, DC June 21-23, 2009**

The Presidential Scholars in the Performing Arts will perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts while the works of the Literary and Visual Arts scholars will be on display at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Visit [www.youngARTS.org](http://www.youngARTS.org) for more details.

## **youngARTS Week 2010 January 11-16, 2010**

A new group of talented artists will join your ranks next year. Contact us for ways in which you can get involved!

**For more information, please visit  
[www.youngARTS.org](http://www.youngARTS.org) or  
call Alumni Relations at  
305.377.1140, ext. 244**

# Notable youngARTS Alumni

“It’s an affirmation that you were right....” ~Vanessa Williams, 1981 youngARTS Winner in Theater

“It’s an affirmation that you were right. Whether it was singing or dancing or acting, you knew that you were good enough to get there and people recognized it.”

~Vanessa Williams, 1981 youngARTS Winner in Theatre

**John Currin, 1980**  
Winner in Visual Arts  
*Painter*

**Doug Aitken, 1986**  
Winner in Visual Arts  
*Multi-media artist*

**Vanessa Williams, 1981**  
Winner in Musical Theater  
*Grammy, Emmy and Tony nominee*

**Desmond Richardson, 1986**  
Winner in Modern Dance  
*Co-Founder, Complexions  
Contemporary Ballet*

**Rachel Moore, 1982**  
Winner in Ballet  
*Executive Director, American Ballet  
Theatre*

**Raúl Esparza, 1988**  
Winner in Musical Theater  
*Three-time Tony nominee*

**Kevin Berlin, 1983**  
Winner in Visual Arts  
*Sculptor*

**Eric Owens, 1988**  
Winner in Voice  
*Opera singer*

**Ron Eldard, 1983**  
Winner in Theater  
*Film, television, and theater actor*

**Roy Hargrove, 1988**  
Winner in Jazz Trumpet  
*Two-time Grammy winner*

**Allegra Goodman, 1985**  
Winner in Poetry  
*Award-winning writer*

**Donna Lynne Champlin, 1989**  
Winner in Musical Theater  
*Broadway actress*

**Micheal McElroy, 1985**  
Winner in Musical Theatre  
*Broadway actor, Founder of  
Broadway Inspirational Voices*

**Sean McCourt, 1989**  
Winner in Musical Theater  
*Broadway actor*

**Philip Neal, 1986**  
Winner in Ballet  
*Principal Dancer, New York City  
Ballet*

**Denyce Graves, 1985**  
Winner in Classical Voice  
*Opera singer*

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“You know you are going to affect something...” ~Grace Weber, 2006 youngARTS Winner in Voice

“After meeting these people who you know are going to be famous, you know you are going to affect something, and you start to feel maybe I actually have a chance at affecting people in this world”

~Grace Weber, 2006 youngARTS Winner in Voice and Presidential Scholar in the Arts

**Max Levinson**, 1989  
Winner in Classical Music  
*Pianist*

**Ricardo Morales**, 1989  
Winner in Clarinet  
*Principal Clarinetist, Philadelphia Orchestra*

**Matthew Rushing**, 1991  
Winner in Modern Dance  
*Principal Dancer, Alvin Ailey*

**Pauline Golbin**, 1992  
Winner in Ballet  
*Dancer, New York City Ballet*

**Linda Celeste Sims**, 1994  
Winner in Modern Dance  
*Principal Dancer, Alvin Ailey*

**Adrian Grenier**, 1994  
Winner in Theater  
*Television and film actor*

**Jennifer Koh**, 1994  
Winner in Classical Violin  
*World renowned classical violinist*

**Hernan Bas**, 1996  
Winner in Photography  
*Painter*

**Alison Lohman**, 1997  
Winner in Musical Theater  
*Film actress*

**Craig Hall**, 1997  
Winner in Ballet  
*Principal Dancer, New York City Ballet*

**Daniel Breaker**, 1998  
Winner in Theater  
*Broadway actor*

**Clifton Brown**, 1998  
Winner in Jazz Dance  
*Dancer, Alvin Ailey*

**Tarell Alvin McCraney**, 1999  
Winner in Theatre  
*Playwright*

**Josh Groban**, 1999  
Winner in Musical Theater  
*Grammy nominee*

**Chris Young**, 2003  
Winner in Popular Voice  
*Country Western Recording Artist*