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## **NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION TO PRESENT**

### ***Pairings at Ted's Artistic Supper Club*** **featuring YoungArts Alumni performances and à la carte dining** ***February – June 2016***

**WHAT:** The [National YoungArts Foundation](#) (YoungArts) is excited to kickstart the 2016 edition of its popular dinner and a show series, **Pairings at Ted's**, from February through June. The artistic supper club concept pairs world-class performances with a themed culinary experience by **Starr Catering Group**. Foodies and culture aficionados alike choose from a three-course prix fixe dinner, or à la carte dining plus wine and spirits, while all-star YoungArts alumni explore music, poetry, voice, theatre, and more on stage.

*Miami Herald's* "Critic's Pick" Rudi Goblen; Nu Deco Ensemble's classical fusion; O, Miami's poetic musings; and Doug Blush, editor of *20 Feet from Stardom*—the OSCAR® Award-Winning film—are among the exceptional talent confirmed for this eight-part series, which reimagines Ted's at YoungArts as an intimate, culinary and cultural space in Miami's Arts + Entertainment District.

**WHERE:** Ted's at National YoungArts Campus, 7<sup>th</sup> floor  
2100 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33137

**WHEN: February 26 - 27, 2016**  
Rudi Goblen's PET | Dance & Theatre  
An interactive one-man theatre piece set in a support group meeting for ex-lovers and serial monogamists, PET is written and choreographed by the acclaimed Rudi Goblen – this year's *Miami Herald* "Critic's Pick." Come celebrate heartbreak the week after Valentine's Day... because February is the month for lovers (and ex-lovers), afterall.

#### **March 18 - 19, 2016**

Nu Deco Ensemble | Classical Fusion  
Through exciting and adventurous classical music performances, the YoungArts alumni of Nu Deco Ensemble led by Jacomo Bairos (1994 Winner in Classical) embody both the virtuosic and eclectic elements of a chamber orchestra designed. For this special Ted's performance, Nu Deco will incorporate the sounds of EDM (Electronic Dance Music) accompanied by live DJ – a symphonic dance party for all music enthusiasts.

### **April 29 - 30, 2016**

O, Miami | Poetry

With high hopes that every single person in Miami-Dade County will encounter a poem during the month of April, O, Miami's lyrical interventions have included performances by Anne Carson, Raúl Zurita, Patti Smith, Richard Blanco, Thurston Moore, and many others at a range of venues throughout the city. O, Miami will host an array of powerful spoken-word artists and poets alongside some of YoungArts' noted literary arts alums.

### **May 20 - 21, 2016**

Alumni Elena & Samora Pinderhughes | Jazz

*The Guardian* calls Elena Pinderhughes (2013 Winner in Jazz), a 19-year old flutist hailing from the Bay Area, California, "The most exciting jazz flautist to have emerged in years." Elena and her pianist/composer brother Samora (2009 Winner in Piano), a recent graduate of Julliard, will showcase their musical talents while posing challenging questions around racism, social justice and identity.

### **June 24 - 25, 2016**

Alumnus Doug Blush | Screening of *20 Feet from Stardom*

Award-winning filmmaker Doug Blush (1984 Winner in Cinematic Arts) presents *20 Feet from Stardom*, winner of the 2013 Academy Award® for Best Documentary that follows the careers of backup singers living in a world that lies just beyond the spotlight. Featured in this documentary is 2002 YoungArts Winner in Voice, Judith Hill.

*\* Dining begins at 7:00 p.m. Performances begin sharply at 8:30 p.m.*

### **COST:**

*Pairings at Ted's show and prix fixe dinner package includes a three-course menu with two choices of appetizers, entrées and an assortment of desserts at \$95 pp. (beverage, tax and gratuity not included).*

Doors for general admission priced at \$35 pp open at 7:30 p.m., with small plates, wine and spirits available for purchase on site (min. \$25 food and beverage required with general admission).

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION**

The National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison to identify and nurture the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts, and assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development. Through a wide range of annual programs, regular performances, and partnerships with some of the nation's leading cultural institutions, YoungArts aspires to create a strong community of alumni and a platform for a lifetime of encouragement, opportunity and support.

YoungArts' signature program is an application-based award for emerging artists ages 15 – 18 or in grades 10 – 12 from across the United States. Selected from a pool of more than an average of 11,000 applications (in 2015, the organization received a record-breaking number of more than 12,000 applications), YoungArts Winners receive valuable support, including financial awards of up to \$10,000, professional development and educational experiences working with renowned mentors—such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Jeff Koons, Wynton Marsalis, Robert Redford, Rebecca Walker and Bruce Weber—and performance and exhibition opportunities at some of the nation's leading cultural institutions, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), The Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York), The Museum of Modern Art (New York) and New World Center (Miami). Additionally, YoungArts Winners are eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students who exemplify academic and artistic excellence.

YoungArts Winners also become part of a thousands-strong alumni network of artists, which offers them additional professional opportunities throughout their careers. YoungArts alumni who have gone on to become leaders in their fields include actresses Anna Gunn, Viola Davis, Zuzanna Szadkowski and Kerry Washington; Broadway stars Tony Yazbeck, Raúl Esparza, Andrew Rannells and Billy Porter; recording artists Josh Groban, Chris Young and Judith Hill; Metropolitan Opera star Eric Owens; musicians Terence Blanchard, Gerald Clayton and Jennifer Koh; choreographer Desmond Richardson; visual artists Daniel Arsham and Hernan Bas; internationally acclaimed multimedia artist Doug Aitken; television writer, producer, and director Jenji Kohan; *New York Times* bestselling author Sam Lipsyte; and Academy Award winning filmmaker Doug Blush.

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