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**PAIRINGS AT TED'S: ALL-NEW MONTHLY SERIES REIMAGINES
DINNER AND A SHOW WITH RENOWNED ARTISTS ATOP YOUNGARTS TOWER**

**FEATURING AMANDA CRIDER (ILLUMINARTS, SERAPHIC FIRE),
ALUMNUS DOUG BLUSH, YOUNGARTS MASTER TEACHER RUDI GOBLEN,
O, MIAMI, AND MORE**

Miami, FL (October 2015) - National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) is proud to present **Pairings at Ted's**, an all-new series pairing world-class performances with a themed culinary experience. A contemporary take on the traditional *dinner and a show* format, supper club-inspired evenings are set atop the YoungArts Tower. *Pairings at Ted's* launches on October 30 with singer/songstress Amanda Crider of IlluminArts and Seraphic Fire, as she leads an ensemble filled with melodies of the macabre with Musimelange, complemented by a choice of the three-course prix fixe dinner by Starr Catering Group, or à la carte dining with general admission. YoungArts Alumnus Doug Blush, editor of *20 Feet from Stardom*, OSCAR® Award-Winning film; Nu Deco Ensemble's classical fusion; *O*, Miami's poetic musings; and *The Miami Herald's* Critic's Pick Rudi Goblen are among the exceptional talent confirmed for this eight-part series, which reimagines Ted's as an intimate, culinary and cultural space in Miami's tony Arts + Entertainment District.

"We've always envisioned Ted's as a place where lovers of culture, arts and food could meet" said Esther Park, Director of Campus Programming for YoungArts. "In *Pairings at Ted's*, we've brought together our favorite local and nationally-recognized artists, in a supper club cabaret environment with menus created by the celebrated chefs behind Starr Catering Group. This new program embraces both Miami's growing foodie and artistic cultures, and gives audiences access to YoungArts alumni and collaborators in an up-close and unique setting."

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 \$95pp (beverage, tax and gratuity not included). This premier dining experience begins at 7:00 p.m., and includes preferred seating and table service. Reservations for prix fixe option required by purchasing tickets in advance [HERE](#). Doors for general admission priced at \$35pp 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). Performances start at 8:30 p.m. sharp, followed by a meet-and-greet with the artists with a cash bar open for all guests.

Pairings at Ted's: Friday & Saturday Nights

October 30 - 31, 2015

Illuminarts & Musimelange | Melodies of the Macabre

Mezzo-Soprano, Amanda Crider of IlluminArts and Seraphic Fire, joined by Baritone, Gabriel Preisser and special guests from Musimelange, will lead a program filled with spooky classics and haunting delights. Program includes: *Il Tramonto* by Ottorino Respighi, *Dover Beach* by Samuel Barber, *Four Songs* by Franz Schubert and a special Halloween treat (or trick) for the audience.

November 27 - 28, 2015

A Broadway Thanksgiving | Cabaret

Details to be announced soon

December 18 - 19, 2015

Alumnus Jake Goldbas | Holiday Bonanza

Jake Goldbas (2007 YoungArts Winner in Jazz) riffs on the holidays with his jazz all-star YoungArts alumni cast featuring Benny Benack (2009 Winner in Jazz/Trumpet), Emmet Cohen (2008 & 2009 Winner in Jazz/Keyboard), and special guests Kate Goldbas, and Dion Kerr.

February 26 - 27, 2016

Rudi Goblen's PET | Dance & Theater

An interactive physical one-man theater 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 *The 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 the 21st century. 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 enthusiast.

April 29 - 30, 2016

O, Miami | Poetry

Aiming for every single person in Miami-Dade County to 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. *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 next to her pianist/composer brother Samora (2009 Winner in Piano), a recent graduate of Julliard, will perform together, showcasing their wide arrayed musical talents while expressing issues of challenging questions such as 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.

For more information and to purchase tickets go to <http://www.youngarts.org/teds>.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION

The National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison to identify and support the next generation of artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts; assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development; and raise appreciation for the arts in American society. Each year, there are approximately 11,000 applications to YoungArts from 15-18 year old (or grades 10-12) artists, and from these, approximately 800 winners are selected.

YoungArts Winners have the chance to work with renowned mentors, such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Jeff Koons, Wynton Marsalis, Robert Redford, Rebecca Walker and Bruce Weber; receive cash awards of up to \$10,000; gain access to significant scholarships; be recognized as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts (YoungArts is the nominating agency for this high honor for artistically-talented graduating high school seniors); and perform and exhibit their work 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).

YoungArts alumni who have gone on to become leading professionals in their fields include actresses Anna Gunn, Viola Davis, and Kerry Washington; Broadway stars Raúl Esparza, Andrew Rannells and Billy Porter; recording artists Josh Groban, Nicki Minaj, 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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Starr Catering Group provides exceptional dining experiences within iconic cultural institutions, urban centers, and signature special events across the East Coast. Launched in 2008, Starr Catering Group's culinary team creates exciting and nourishing meals from locally-sourced ingredients and products. With culinary and operational expertise, Starr Catering Group's commitment to excellence and dedication to perfected details enabled rapid growth for the company, which is now the exclusive caterer at seventeen locations in five cities, including internationally renowned cultural institutions Carnegie Hall, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, New York Botanical Garden, Clark Art Institute, Pérez Art Museum Miami, and the National YoungArts Foundation.

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