



**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION AND STARR RESTAURANTS CATERING GROUP
ANNOUNCE NEW PROGRAMMING SERIES FEATURING YOUNGARTS ALUMNI
AT TED'S AT YOUNGARTS**

Restaurant to Continue Operation Through Saturday, June 20

New Performance Series Will Begin at Ted's at YoungArts in September

(Miami, FL) – The National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) and Starr Restaurants Catering Group (Starr) announced today that Ted's at YoungArts (Ted's) will be transitioning from a restaurant operating four nights a week to an artistic venue featuring the remarkable work of YoungArts alumni. Ted's will continue to operate as a restaurant through Saturday, June 20. Starting in September, YoungArts will present a series of cultural events and performances at Ted's that will include delicious flavors served by Starr.

"Our focus for Ted's has always been to present the best young and emerging artists and share their incredible talents with the community," stated Esther Park, Director of Campus Programming for YoungArts. "Now, with this new format, we will have the fluidity to showcase not just an incredible jazz trio or a stunning vocalist but to present all art forms, from innovative visual arts presentations to interactive dinner theater. YoungArts focuses on all artistic disciplines and when Ted's returns this fall, this will be the place to delight all our senses!"

Named in honor of YoungArts co-founder and philanthropist Ted Arison, Ted's will continue to be an intimate cultural lounge located on the 7th Floor of YoungArts' Tower building on Biscayne Boulevard. Guests will enjoy visual and performing arts programming curated by YoungArts along with innovative cuisine. For one weekend each month Ted's will highlight one of YoungArts' artistic disciplines (such as dance; theatre; voice; visual arts; photography; film; popular, classical and jazz music; writing and design), paired with menu options offered by Starr ranging from bar snacks to a pre-fixe dinner menu. Ted's will provide audiences with an intimate setting to interact with and experience some of the most talented local and national artists.

Designed by world-renowned architect and YoungArts Artistic Advisor Frank Gehry, Ted's is one of the most technologically-advanced venues in the region. The space boasts panoramic citywide views and features immersive 360-degree HD video projection capabilities and impeccable acoustic design by Nagata Acoustics, enhancing the ambiance of the room and creating an exceptional experience for guests and performers. Additionally, Ted's is fitted with a state of the art HD video and audio system enabling all performances to be streamed live online. With a custom translucent glass bar, retro modern lounge furniture, and a minimalist Miami Modern (MiMo) vibe, the clean cool interiors of Ted's marry this historic Miami landmark with a 21st-century performance space.

For more information call [786-618-3210](tel:786-618-3210) or visit <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 provides these emerging artists with life-changing experiences and validation by renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition and other opportunities at critical junctures throughout their careers to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding emerging artists are encouraged to pursue careers in the arts. To date, YoungArts has honored more than 20,000 alumni—including Doug Aitken, Josh Groban, Jenji Kohan, Desmond Richardson and Kerry Washington—with over \$12 million in monetary awards; facilitated in excess of \$60 million in college scholarship opportunities in the past two years; and enabled its participants to work with master teachers who are among the most distinguished artists in the world, such as Marina Abramović, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Zaha Hadid, Jeff Koons, Robert Redford and Bruce Weber.

For more information, visit youngarts.org, [facebook.com/YoungArtsFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/YoungArtsFoundation) or twitter.com/YoungArts. To watch a brief video about YoungArts, [click here](#).

ABOUT STARR RESTAURANTS + STARR RESTAURANTS CATERING GROUP

Founded in 1995 by Stephen Starr, Philadelphia-based STARR Restaurants is one of the largest multi-concept restaurant companies in the country. STARR Restaurants include Buddakan, Morimoto, The Continental, Barclay Prime, Continental Mid-Town, Fette Sau, El Vez, Jones, Alma de Cuba, Pod, Parc, The Dandelion, Talula's Garden, Talula's Daily, Frankford Hall, Butcher and Singer, Pizzeria Stella, El Rey, The Ranstead Room, Granite Hill, il Pittore and seasonal food-stand SquareBurger in Philadelphia; as well as Morimoto and Buddakan in New York City's thriving Meatpacking District and Caffè Storico in the New-York Historical Society. STARR Restaurants expanded to Atlantic City, NJ, with Buddakan and The Continental located in the Pier Shops at Caesars in 2006, to Florida with Steak 954 at the W Hotel Fort Lauderdale in 2009, Makoto in the Bal Harbour Shops in 2011 and Verde in the Pérez Art Museum Miami in 2013. Most recent openings include the critically hailed French brasserie Le Diplomate in Washington D.C. and Serpico in Philadelphia, as well as the new outpost of El Vez in NYC's Battery Park City. In October 2014, Starr will open Upland in New York City with Justin Smillie. The restaurant group's full-service catering and special events division includes clients such as the New York Botanical Gardens, the Perez Art Museum Miami, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the New-York Historical Society, the Rubin Museum of Art in New York, the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton NJ and most recently Clark Art Institute in the Berkshires and New Liberty Distillery in Philadelphia. With delectable cuisine, stellar service, hip music and cool settings, Stephen STARR Events brings the experiences of the wildly successful Starr Restaurants to the world of catering and special events. For more information, please visit: <http://www.starr-restaurant.com>. Like us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/StarrRestaurants> and follow us on Twitter @StarrRestaurant, and Instagram @StarrRestaurant

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