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**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION TO PRESENT
SECOND *FREE* EVENT OF OUTSIDE THE BOX SERIES
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BORSCHT FILM FESTIVAL**

EVENT TO FEATURE FILM SCREENINGS BY YOUNGARTS ALUMNI

Supported by ArtPlace America

**Friday, December 19, 2014, 7:00pm – Late
on the YoungArts Campus in Miami**

WHAT

On Friday, **December 19, 2014**, the [National YoungArts Foundation \(YoungArts\)](#) will host its second event in the **Outside the Box** series. This free multi-sensory extravaganza on the YoungArts Campus is presented in partnership with the **Borscht Film Festival**, which was founded by YoungArts alumni **Lucas Leyva** (2005 Winner in Cinematic Arts) and **Andrew Hevia** (2003 Winner in Cinematic Arts). A highlight of the event will be a special **YoungArts Alumni Showcase**, featuring short films created by YoungArts alumni **Lance Oppenheim** (2014 YoungArts Winner in Cinematic Arts), **Isabela Dos Santos** (2011 YoungArts Winner in Cinematic Arts and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts), **Dan Frantz** (2012 YoungArts Winner in Cinematic Arts and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts), **Lynn Kim** (2010 YoungArts Winner in Visual Arts), **Stanton Nash** (2002 YoungArts Winner in Theater), **Adam Brobjerg** (2010 YoungArts Winner in Photography), and **Mida Chu** (2014 YoungArts Winner in Cinematic Arts), screened in an outdoor cinema.

In addition to the YoungArts Alumni Showcase, the Borscht Film Festival will present **THE MULTIVERSE**, its DIY sketch of a theme park devoted to the infinite realities Miami contains. Attendees will be able to enjoy food, games, and virtual rides as they explore different areas of THE MULTIVERSE theme park: a psychedelic town square inspired by *Adventures of Christopher Bosh in the Multiverse!*; a virtual reality world designed by local filmmakers, including **Julian Yuri Rodriguez**, featuring oculus rifts; and an emotional arcade, where attendees will use their minds to play the “games.” Borscht will also present **Borscht 0**, featuring short films created by Miami high school students.

Outside the Box attendees will enjoy tasty treats from favorite neighborhood food and beverage locales, including the **Lone Wolf Food Truck**.

YoungArts’ Outside the Box series is supported by a grant from **ArtPlace America**, a national consortium that funds significant projects that use art and culture for creative placemaking to shape their communities’ social, physical and economic futures. YoungArts is using these funds to engage the public, inspire artists, and serve as a catalyst for neighborhood transformation.

In addition to ArtPlace America, Outside the Box supporters also include, **IKEA**, the **Miami Foundation** and the **Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs**.

The Outside the Box series continues with the **Miami City Ballet** and YoungArts Alumnus **Tarell McCraney** (1999 YoungArts Winner in Theater) on January 30, 2015.

WHERE National YoungArts Foundation
2100 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33137

WHEN December 19, 2014 (rain or shine)
7pm-Late; Doors open at 7pm & screenings begin at 7:30pm
Event is free and open to the public, RSVP to OTB@youngarts.org

ABOUT THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION

The National YoungArts Foundation 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 \$6 million in monetary awards; facilitated in excess of \$150 million in college scholarship opportunities; 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, Robert Redford and Bruce Weber.

YoungArts is working with world-renowned architect and YoungArts Artistic Advisor Frank Gehry to transform the former Bacardi Tower and Museum buildings and three-and-a-half acre campus into its national headquarters, which will support expanded local activities in Miami and across the country. The new campus will feature a Gehry-designed performing arts center and park with state-of-the-art sound and video capabilities. Since opening the campus for programming in November 2013, YoungArts has debuted the European classical music phenomenon *Yellow Lounge* in partnership with Universal Music; held salons with Marina Abramović, Robert Redford, Justin Peck & Sufjan Stevens, Joshua Bell, and Ben Folds; hosted Olafur Eliasson and his *Little Sun* installation in partnership with MoMA PS1 and Fondation Beyeler; held master classes for local music students with jazz icon Wynton Marsalis and opera star Plácido Domingo; produced an interdisciplinary performance on the campus with Robert Redford and Sibylle Szaggars Redford, Living Colour's Will Calhoun, and YoungArts alumni Dave Eggar and Desmond Richardson; and premiered HBO's *Joshua Bell: A YoungArts MasterClass*.

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

ABOUT THE BORSCHT FILM FESTIVAL

The Borscht Film Festival is redefining the perception of the city - empowering locals to tell their stories & offering a global platform to share them. By changing the image of the city locally & globally, we increase civic pride, community engagement, & spur dialogue about the city's culture & identity. The 9th BFF features over 20 short films specifically commissioned for this festival made in/for/about Miami by local filmmakers Jillian Mayer, Pepe Billete, Ahol Sniffs Glue, Julian Yuri Rodriguez, Bleeding Palm, Monica Peña, Diego and Andres Meza-Valdes, Eric Mainade, Gil Green, guest filmmakers Ray Tintori, Sebastian Silva, Terence Nance, Jacolby Satterwhite and more!