

**SEEN AT NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION DURING ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH 2014**

**Michelle Williams, Kate Hudson and Miranda Kerr at 12/2 Louis Vuitton Dinner**

**Robert Pattinson, Solange Knowles, Samantha Kirby Yoh, Dev Hynes, Scout Willis and John Pawson at 12/4 FKA twigs and Clams Casino Concert**

**Rolls Royce VIP Reception on 12/4**

**Daniel Libeskind, Patrizia Moroso, Patricia Urquiola, and Angella and David Nazarian at Marina Abramovic Institute's 12/5 A Silent Event to Celebrate *Slow Motion Walk***

**Justin Theroux and Freida Pinto at 12/5 Sold Out James Blake Miami Debut Concert**

**Marina Abramović, Sarah Arison, Klaus Biesenbach and Adriana Cisneros at MoMA PS1 *Zero Tolerance: Miami* Exhibition Reception on 12/5**



**MIAMI, FL (December 8, 2014)** –Throughout this year's edition of Art Basel Miami Beach, more than 6,000 people visited the [National YoungArts Foundation \(YoungArts\)](#) campus, the former iconic landmark Bacardi Tower and Museum, which is now home to YoungArts, the nonprofit that contributes to the cultural vitality of the nation by supporting the artistic development of talented young artists. On December 2, **Michelle Williams, Kate Hudson and Miranda Kerr** attended a **Louis Vuitton** dinner hosted in the YoungArts Jewel Box. Earlier in the afternoon, YoungArts alumni **Grace Weber, Ernest Baker, Caleb Teicher and Elliott Skinner** performed at **The New York Times International Luxury Conference** (held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel) that brought together more than 500 business and creative leaders from the luxury sector. To watch a video of the YoungArts alumni performance, click [here](#).

On December 4, **Robert Pattinson, Solange Knowles, Dev Hynes, Scout Willis and John Pawson** were spotted at the final performance of singer-songwriter, producer and dancer **FKA twigs'** international tour alongside **Clams Casino** to kick off the YoungArts and **III Points** Presents Art Basel Miami Beach music series that featured special performances by YoungArts alumni **Kate Davis, Elliott Skinner and Grace Weber**. Additionally, **Rolls Royce** hosted a VIP reception in the blue-and-white tiled Tower Building on December 4.



On December 5, actors **Justin Theroux** and **Freida Pinto** were seen at Best New Artist GRAMMY® Award nominee **James Blake**'s long-awaited and sold out Miami debut concert. Earlier in the evening, YoungArts, **Moroso** and **Marina Abramovic Institute (MAI)** hosted *A Silent Event* with **Marina Abramovic** to celebrate MAI's *Slow Motion Walk* at which notable guests included **Daniel Libeskind**, **Patrizia Moroso**, **Patricia Urquiola** and **Angella & David Nazarian**. Performance artist, dancer, and 2008 YoungArts Winner in Dance **Brittany Bailey** led the weeklong public exercise, which was presented for free by MAI and YoungArts as part of a series of interactive events during ABMB. Afterwards, **Marina Abramovic**, **Sarah Arison**, **Klaus Biesenbach**, and **Adriana Cisneros** attended a reception for YoungArts and **MoMA PS1's Zero Tolerance: Miami** exhibition, which was curated by Biesenbach, MoMA PS1 Director and Chief Curator at Large of MoMA, with MoMA PS1 Curatorial Assistant **Margaret Aldredge**.

On December 6, **Ezra Koenig** of **Vampire Weekend**, **Ryan Doyle** and **Mark Edwards** of **DR.ME** and **Dev Hynes (aka Blood Orange)** were panelists for record label **Young Turks**'s impromptu *Artists + Identity* conversation moderated by Young Turks Creative Director **Molly Hawkins**. That evening, over 1,000 people attended the enigmatic producer and artist **SBTRKT**'s concert, which included a special performance by Ezra Koenig.

To conclude each evening of the three-day concert series, **Stephen Starr Events** presented a **Pop-Up Lounge at YoungArts** offering lite bites and craft cocktails while guests enjoyed performances by YoungArts alumni.

Additionally, YoungArts President and CEO **Paul T. Lehr** led **exclusive tours** of the YoungArts campus to **National Endowment for the Arts** Chairman **Jane Chu** and ABMB VIPs, who also visited **YoungArts Artist in Residence James Weingrod**'s studio. Weingrod is the second artist to be a part of the YoungArts Residency in Visual Arts program, which is made possible through the generous support of The Related Group.

### **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 700 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 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](http://youngarts.org), [facebook.com/YoungArtsFoundation](https://facebook.com/YoungArtsFoundation) or [twitter.com/YoungArts](https://twitter.com/YoungArts). To watch a brief video about YoungArts, click [here](#).

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