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**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
OUTSIDE THE BOX, A PERFORMANCE SERIES
SUPPORTED BY ARTPLACE AMERICA**

FREE INAUGURAL EVENT TO FEATURE A LIVE PERFORMANCE BY YOUNGARTS ALUMNI
ON THE YOUNGARTS PLAZA IN MIAMI

OCTOBER 25, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

WHAT

On **October 25, 2014**, the [National YoungArts Foundation \(YoungArts\)](#) will launch **Outside the Box**, a new series that will feature **free** performances by YoungArts alumni, including GRAMMY Award-nominated musician **Dave Eggar** (1987 Winner in Music and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts). Each event in this multi-sensory extravaganza will take place on the **YoungArts Plaza**, located outside of the Jewel Box on the organization's Miami campus, and feature different YoungArts alumni.

On October 25, **Eggar** will be joined by **Michele de la Reza** (1987 Winner in Dance), **Kate Davis** (2009 Winner in Jazz and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts), **Ernest Baker** (2009 Winner in Dance and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts), **Jake Goldbas** (2007 Winner in Jazz), **Andrew Nemr** (1997 Winner in Dance), **Brittanie Brown** (2007 Winner in Dance and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts) and **Allysen Hooks** (2006 Winner in Dance) for a family-friendly preview of their upcoming *Festival Miami* show. These talented dancers and musicians will bring to life the YoungArts campus, using it as an interactive laboratory for their performance. The show will offer a glimpse into the creative process of these world-class performers and a one-of-a-kind piece of art, with the Jewel Box as the inspiration for the spontaneous creation of original music and dance.

Outside the Box attendees will enjoy tasty treats from favorite neighborhood food and beverage locales, including **JugoFresh**, **Lulu's** and **Illegal Bakery**, and learn some beneficial yoga moves by **Trio Yoga**.

YoungArts' Outside the Box series is supported with a grant recently awarded by **ArtPlace America**, a national consortium that funds significant projects that use arts and culture for creative placemaking in their communities to shape social, physical and economic futures. YoungArts will continue to use these funds to engage the public, inspire artists, and serve as a catalyst for neighborhood transformation through its Outside the Box initiative.

The Outside the Box series continues with the Borscht Film Festival on December 16, 2014 and the Miami City Ballet and YoungArts Alumnus **Tarell McCraney** (1999 YoungArts Winner in Theater) on January 30, 2015.

In addition to ArtPlace America and IKEA, Outside the Box supporters also include the **Miami Foundation**.

WHERE

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

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October 25, 2014 (rain or shine)
7:00 - 9:00 PM

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, and to contribute to the cultural vitality of the nation by investing in the artistic development of talented young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts. 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*.

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