

***** MEDIA ALERT *****

NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION 2015 APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

Young Artists Across the Country are Encouraged to Apply for Life-Changing Program Offering Mentorship, Scholarships, Recognition and More



WHAT The deadline to apply to the 2015 [National YoungArts Foundation \(YoungArts\)](http://www.youngarts.org) programs is **Friday, October 17, 2014**. YoungArts encourages artists ages 15 – 18 or in grades 10 – 12 to apply online at: www.youngarts.org/apply. YoungArts Winners are provided with life-changing experiences with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities throughout their careers, which helps ensure that the nation’s most outstanding artists are encouraged to pursue careers in the arts.

This year, in addition to awarding Winners in 10 artistic disciplines (cinematic arts, dance, design, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice, and writing), students have the opportunity to be recognized in the singer/songwriter subcategory of the voice discipline.

WHEN **Deadline for 2015 Applications is Friday, October 17, 2014 at 11:59 PM EST**

WHO To be eligible for recognition by YoungArts, applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 18 or in high school grades 10-12 (as of December 1, 2014), a United States citizen or permanent resident, or international student studying on a student visa.

YoungArts Winners are selected annually through a blind adjudication process and are designated into three categories, Finalist, Honorable Mention, and Merit.

YoungArts Winners (Finalists, Honorable Mentions, and Merits) also gain access to program opportunities. Finalists participate in National YoungArts Week, an all-expenses

paid life-changing week in Miami where awardees benefit from taking master classes, performing/exhibiting work, and the chance to meet artistic peers from across the country. Furthermore, all Winners are eligible to participate in YoungArts' regional programs—YoungArts Miami, YoungArts Los Angeles and YoungArts New York—space permitting.

In addition to name recognition, Finalist and Honorable Mention award-level Winners receive a monetary award.

YoungArts continues to support Winners throughout their careers via its alumni programming, which includes opportunities to perform and exhibit work through YoungArts' relationships with leading arts institutions in the nation like the Kennedy Center and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In addition, all applicants have the choice to be added to the [YoungArts Student List Service \(SLS\)](#), a subscription service that provides college, university and conservatory admissions representatives with applicant's basic contact and school information along with links to each student's audition portfolio, providing them with important information about the student's artistic achievements. If prospective applicants have any questions, they can reach programming staff at 800-970-ARTS (2787) or apply@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. Additionally, at the request of the Commission on Presidential Scholars, which is appointed by the President of the United States, YoungArts serves as the exclusive nominating agency for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, the country's highest honor for young artists.

Some of YoungArts' work is featured in the three-time Emmy-nominated HBO program *YoungArts MasterClass*, which chronicles the work of renowned artists sharing their art and life experiences with YoungArts Winners. *YoungArts MasterClass* specials have featured Edward Albee, Olafur Eliasson, Patti LuPone, Wynton Marsalis, Bobby McFerrin, Julian Schnabel, Kathleen Turner and more. Upcoming programs will feature Alan Alda and Joshua Bell. In addition, YoungArts is working with world-renowned architect and YoungArts Artistic Advisor Frank Gehry to transform the recently

acquired 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.

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