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**THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS  
YOUNGARTS @ THE KENNEDY CENTER  
SEVEN FREE PERFORMANCES ON THE MILLENNIUM STAGE  
AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
AND A VISUAL ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY AND WRITERS EXHIBITION  
IN THE HALL OF NATIONS FEATURING  
U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS IN THE ARTS ALUMNI**

**Commemorates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U.S. Presidential Scholars**

**MONDAY, JUNE 16 – THURSDAY, JUNE 19 and  
SATURDAY, JUNE 21 – MONDAY, JUNE 23**

**WHAT**

The National YoungArts Foundation, a non-profit organization that identifies and supports the next generation of artists and is the nominating agency for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, will present YoungArts @ The Kennedy Center, a seven night **free** performance series on Millennium Stage and a visual arts, photography and writers exhibition in The Hall of Nations. Featuring YoungArts Alumni, some of whom are also former U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, this year's annual series will commemorate the U.S. Presidential Scholars Programs' 50th anniversary.

Performance highlights will include **King Pony**, a jazz fusion band made up entirely of YoungArts Alumni, including vocalists **Grace Weber** and **Kenyon Adams**; the **National Symphony Orchestra** with cellist **Peter Eom**; a series of original theater scenes performed by **Michelle Ang**, **Analisa Guterrez**, **Steven Lee Johnson**, **Michael Silberblatt**, **Christian Strange** and **Devyn Tyler**; the YoungArts Jazz Band featuring bassist and singer **Zachary Ostroff**; a hip-hop, tap and Irish Step Dance collaborative work showcasing the talent of **Ernest Baker**, **Dan Mitra**, and **Garrett Coleman** performing with musicians **Mark Whitfield Jr.** on drums and **Dave Eggar** on cello; a violin recital by **Caroline Campbell**; and a flamenco dance by **Alice Blumenfeld**.

Additionally, twenty-seven 2013 and 2014 YoungArts Winners in visual arts, photography and writing will be exhibiting their works in the Kennedy Center's Hall of Nations, which will be curated by artist and YoungArts master teacher **Loni Johnson**.

For interview opportunities with performers, mentors, and YoungArts leadership, contact Justin Holden at [holdenj@finnpartners.com](mailto:holdenj@finnpartners.com) or 212-715-1572.

**WHERE**      **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**  
Millennium Stage and Hall of Nations  
2700 F St NW  
Washington, DC 20566

**WHEN**      **Performances:** Monday, June 16 - Thursday, June 19 and Saturday, June 21 - Monday,  
June 23, 2014  
**Exhibition:** Monday, June 16 – Monday, June 30, 2014  
Directions and parking info, click [here](#)

**WHO**      YoungArts Alumni, including (\*denotes U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts):  
Kenyon Adams (1999, Theater)  
Michelle Ang (2012, Theater)\*  
Ernest Baker (2009, Dance)\*  
Alice Blumenfeld (2008, Dance)\*  
Caroline Campbell (1998, Classical Music)\*  
Garrett Coleman (2006, Dance)  
Dave Eggar (1987, Music)\*  
Peter Eom (2013, Classical Music)\*  
Jake Goldbas (2007, Jazz)  
Analisa Gutierrez (2013, Theater)\*  
Steven Lee Johnson (2009, Theater)\*  
Noah Kellman (2009, Jazz)  
Pascal Le Boeuf (2004, Jazz)  
Jimmy MacBride (2010, Jazz)  
Dan Mitra (2009, Dance)\*  
Adam O’Farrill (2013, Jazz)  
Zachary Ostroff (2011, Jazz)\*  
Michael Silberblatt (2010, Theater)\*  
Christian Strange (2014, Theater)  
Devyn Tyler (2009, Theater)\*  
Grace Weber (2006, Popular Voice)\*  
Mark Whitfield Jr. (2009, Jazz)  
Hanel Baveja (Writing, 2014)\*  
Yasmin Belkhyr (Writing, 2014)  
Ellie Blackman (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Arthur Cooke (Photography, 2014)  
Joshua Forges (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Connor Frew (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Hazel Fricke (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Madelyn Girard (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Gabriella Gonzales (Writing, 2014)  
Hannah Haid (Photography, 2013)  
Lena Jafery (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Joshua Kimelman (Writing, 2014)  
Alicia Lai (Writing, 2014)\*  
Michaela Manzieri (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Renee Martinez (Photography, 2013)  
Catherine Mosier-Mills (Writing, 2014)  
Liana Murray (Visual Arts, 2014)\*  
Faith Padgett (Writing, 2014)  
Isabella Pezzulo (Visual Arts, 2014)\*

Laura Rashley (Writing, 2013)  
Mika Rosenberg (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Sharaya Schwardt (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Isobella Stanton (Photography, 2013)  
Malaika Temba (Visual Arts, 2014)  
Pooja Tripathi (Photography, 2014)  
Victoria White (Writing, 2013)  
Catherine Wong (Writing, 2013)

For a list of the 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars please click [here](#).

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Monday, June 16 , 6-7 PM | YoungArts Theater Performance**

Six recent YoungArts and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts alumni are collaborating on a series of original theatrical scenes that celebrate the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's rich history while simultaneously exploring the complicated subject of American identity. Performers include Michelle Ang (2012), Analisa Guterrez (2013), Steven Lee Johnson (2009), Blaine Krauss (2010), Michael Silberblatt (2010) and Devyn Tyler (2009).

### **Tuesday, June 17, 6-7 PM | YoungArts Jazz Band featuring Zachary Ostroff**

As human beings we strive for peace, happiness, freedom, or some combination of the three. And in those moments when we have lost them, music can guide us back. Zachary Ostroff, 2011 YoungArts Winner in Jazz and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, with his upright bass, his voice, and his band of young mavericks, wishes to find all three in during this performance. They hope you will, too.

### **Wednesday, June 18, 6-7 PM | Hip-hop, Tap and Irish Step Dance**

This diverse group of talented artists and YoungArts and U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts alumni – Ernest Baker (Hip Hop Dance, 2009), Dan Mitra (Tap Dance, 2009), Garrett Coleman (Irish Step Dance, 2006), Mark Whitfield Jr. (Percussion, 2009) and Dave Eggar (Cellist, 1987) – will perform solos and a collaborative work.

### **Thursday, June 19, 6-7 PM | National Symphony Orchestra, with YoungArts alumnus Peter Eom**

YoungArts alumnus and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts Peter Eom will join the National Symphony Orchestra to perform the first movement of *Antonín Dvořák's Cello Concerto* in B minor.

### **Saturday, June 21, 6-7 PM | Classical Violin with Caroline Campbell**

YoungArts alumna and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts Caroline Campbell will perform a violin recital in honor of the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Presidential Scholar Program. A classical virtuoso violinist and Stanford graduate, Campbell has been nicknamed "Violinist to the Stars" for her solo appearances with artists including Andrea Bocelli, Barbra Streisand, Seal, and Sting. Accompanied by Grammy-nominated jazz pianist Taylor Eigsti, Campbell presents a program devoted to the lush melodies and fiery passion of popular film music, including her original arrangements from *West Side Story*, *Schindler's List*, *Cinema Paradiso*, *Red Violin*, and more.

**Sunday, June 22, 6-7 PM | Soul with Grace Weber, Kenyon Adams and King Pony**

Both U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts and budding artists based on the east coast, Kenyon Adams, 1999 Theater alumnus and Grace Weber, 2006 Pop Voice alumna, find common ground in their appreciation and love for soul music. Grace and Kenyon are going to sing their original, soulful works (separately and together) with King Pony, a jazz fusion band made up entirely of YoungArts alumni.

**Monday, June 23, 6-7 PM | Flamenco Dance by Alice Blumenfeld**

Alice Blumenfeld, a YoungArts and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts alumna and one of the rising stars of the American flamenco dance scene, presents *Semblanzas*, which showcases her newest works that look into the varied facets of flamenco dance and music from the languorous to the exultant. Alice's "fierce and exhilarating" dancing will be accompanied by Hector José Marquez on vocals, Ricardo Marlow on guitar, and Behzad Habibzai on percussion.

**Monday, June 16 – Monday, June 30 | Visual Arts, Photography, and Writers Exhibition**

An exhibition featuring the work of 2013 and 2014 YoungArts Alumni, including painting, drawing, photography, short stories and poems.

**MORE INFO** <http://www.youngarts.org/youngarts-at-kennedy-center>

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION**

The National YoungArts Foundation was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison. To date, YoungArts has honored more than 20,000 young artists 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 Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Renée Fleming, Frank Gehry, Denyce Graves, Bill T. Jones, Quincy Jones, Joan Lader, Rosie Perez, Robert Redford, Martin Scorsese, Marisa Tomei, Kathleen Turner, and Rebecca Walker. For more information about YoungArts, visit [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org).

To watch a brief video about YoungArts, [click here](#).