

**MEDIA ALERT \* \* \* MEDIA ALERT \* \* \* MEDIA ALERT****NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
PUBLIC PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITION AND SCREENING SCHEDULE  
FOR YOUNGARTS MIAMI****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 TO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

**WHAT** The National YoungArts Foundation's 2014 YoungArts Miami program will take place February 12 -17 and will offer South Florida's brightest young artists life-changing experiences and scholarship opportunities. YoungArts Miami is one of the organization's three regional programs that are also hosted in New York and Los Angeles and modeled after its signature national program, YoungArts Week, held last month in Miami where the organization is headquartered. Through these programs, YoungArts will engage its regional Merit Winners, Honorable Mentions, and Finalists from nearly 10,000 applicants nationwide in interdisciplinary workshops and intensive master classes with renowned masters in their field including YoungArts Artistic Advisor **Plácido Domingo** (opera), **Nancy Savoca** (film), **Michael Scoggins** (visual arts), and **Franklin Sirmans** (visual arts), some of this year's YoungArts Miami master teachers. These world renowned artists will mentor the YoungArts Winners and offer them support and encouragement to pursue their passions and a career in the arts.

YoungArts Miami participants will also have the opportunity to share their talents with the public through two multidisciplinary performances at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts and a visual art, photography and design exhibition, cinematic arts screening, jazz combo and writer's reading on the YoungArts Campus.

**WHO** South Florida Winners participating in the 2014 YoungArts Miami hail from Greater Miami (Miami, Coral Gables, Miami Beach, North Miami, Hialeah, Miami Shores), Wellington, West Palm Beach, Coral Springs, Boca Raton, Cutler Bay, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, Lake Worth, Pompano Beach, Florida City, Southwest Ranches, Plantation and Boynton Beach .

**WHEN &  
WHERE**

***2014 YoungArts Miami Performances, Exhibition, Reading and Screening***

Friday, February 14

**6:00 PM *Visual Arts, Photography and Design Exhibition & Cinematic Arts Screening***

YoungArts Campus, Tower Building, Gallery & The Jewel Box, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

2100 Biscayne Blvd., Miami FL 33137

For directions and parking info, [click here](#)

Admission: FREE

**8:00 PM and 10:00 PM *Jazz Combo and Writers' Readings***

YoungArts Campus, Tower Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

2100 Biscayne Blvd., Miami FL 33137

For directions and parking info, [click here](#)

Admission: \$10\* to purchase tickets, [click here](#)

\*\*Please be in touch for complimentary media tickets.

Saturday, February 15

**8:00 PM Multidisciplinary Performance by 2014 YoungArts Winners in Dance, Music, Theater and Voice,  
Directed by Sharon Counts (Program I)**

The Olympia Theater at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts

174 East Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33131

For directions and parking info, [click here](#)

Admission: \$10\* to purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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Sunday, February 16

**7:00 PM Multidisciplinary Performance by 2014 YoungArts Winners in Dance, Music, Theater and Voice  
Directed by Joe Salvatore (Program II)**

The Olympia Theater at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts

174 East Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33131

For directions and parking info, [click here](#)

Admission: \$10\* to purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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\*Ticket fees apply.

**MORE INFO** [www.youngarts.org/young-arts-miami](http://www.youngarts.org/young-arts-miami) / (305) 377-1140

#### **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, and performing arts. With the guidance of YoungArts Artistic Advisors Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, and Bill T. Jones and others, YoungArts provides these emerging artists with life-changing experiences with 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 17,000 young artists with over \$6 million in monetary awards; facilitated in excess of \$150 million in scholarship opportunities; and enabled its participants to work with some of the most distinguished artists, such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Bill T. Jones, Quincy Jones, Robert Redford, and Martin Scorsese. In addition, 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. Presidential Scholars in the Arts receive a Presidential Medal at the White House and perform at the Kennedy Center and exhibit at the Smithsonian.

YoungArts alumni who have become leading professionals in their fields include actors Vanessa Williams, Viola Davis, Anna Gunn, Kerry Washington, and Adrian Grenier; four-time Tony Award nominee Raúl Esparza; Chief Executive Officer of American Ballet Theatre Rachel Moore; recording artists Josh Groban, Judith Hill, Nicki Minaj and Chris Young; Metropolitan Opera star Eric Owens; musicians Terence Blanchard and Jennifer Koh; choreographer Desmond Richardson; visual artist Hernan Bas; and internationally acclaimed multimedia artist Doug Aitken.

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 to support expanded local activities in Miami and across the country. The campus will be a multidisciplinary arts complex with a new Gehry-designed performing arts center and park with state-of-the-art sound and video capabilities. The campus will host year-round programming including master classes, public screenings and performances, artists in residence, and visual arts exhibitions guest curated by institutions based in Miami, New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Since opening the campus for programming in November, YoungArts has debuted the European classical music phenomenon Yellow Lounge in partnership with Universal Music; held a salon with Marina Abramović and partnered in the world premiere of the 3-D film installation *A Portrait of Marina Abramović*; hosted Olafur Eliasson and his Little Sun installation as the debut show in the YoungArts Gallery in partnership with MoMA PS1 and Fondation Beyeler; exhibited Robert Indiana's *One, Two, and Seven* sculptures on the YoungArts campus plaza; held a master class for local music students with Jazz great Wynton Marsalis; and hosted more than 800 guests for the annual YoungArts Performance and Gala on the campus for the first time.

For more information, visit [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org). To watch a brief video about YoungArts, [click here](#).