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**CHOREOGRAPHER ALEXEI RATMANSKY DISCUSSES BUILDING A CAREER IN
DANCE WITH AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE'S CASSANDRA TRENARY AS PART
OF NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION SALON IN NEW YORK CITY**

Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 2 p.m.

New York Live Arts

WHAT:

On May 14, the **National YoungArts Foundation** (YoungArts) will present *Critical Junctures*, its next installment of the New York public Salon Series, featuring the esteemed Russian-American choreographer and former ballet dancer **Alexei Ratmansky** in conversation with recent Leonore Annenberg Fellowship recipient and YoungArts alumna **Cassandra Trenary** (2011 Winner in Dance) of American Ballet Theatre. The candid conversation will explore how to navigate the competitive dance world as an emerging artist to ensure longevity in the field.

A perfect Mother's Day activity, mothers with their families will receive free admission.

Critical Junctures concludes a dynamic season of New York programming hosted by YoungArts this year—including the regional program **YoungArts New York** at Sotheby's and Baryshnikov Arts Center and accompanying New York Gala at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as a previous Salon at New York Live Arts with conceptual artist Glenn Ligon and YoungArts alumnus Samora Pinderhughes (2009 Winner in Jazz)—which highlights the organization's robust community of alumni, master teachers and partners in the area.

YoungArts Salon Series

The [YoungArts Salon Series](#) brings together creative voices and offers audiences an opportunity to engage with internationally renowned and emerging artists. Launched in 2013 through a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, salons take place in Miami, Los Angeles and New York.

WHO:

Alexei Ratmansky, Artist in Residence at American Ballet Theatre, choreographer and former dancer
Cassandra Trenary, dancer, American Ballet Theatre (2011 Winner in Dance)

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WHEN: **May 14, 2017**
Doors open: 1 p.m.
Salon begins: 2 p.m.

WHERE: **New York Live Arts**
219 West 19th Street
New York, NY 10011

TICKETS: \$10; FREE for mothers with their families and YoungArts alumni
To purchase tickets, visit youngarts.org/salon-series

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MORE INFO: youngarts.org

About the National YoungArts Foundation

The National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison to identify and nurture the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts, and assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development. Through a wide range of annual programs, regular performances, and partnerships with some of the nation's leading cultural institutions, YoungArts aspires to create a strong community of alumni and a platform for a lifetime of encouragement, opportunity and support.

YoungArts' signature program is an application-based award for emerging artists ages 15–18 or in grades 10–12 from across the United States. Selected through a blind adjudication process, YoungArts Winners receive valuable support, including financial awards of up to \$10,000, professional development and educational experiences working with renowned mentors—such as Debbie Allen, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Rebecca Walker, Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Jeff Koons, Wynton Marsalis, Salman Rushdie and Carrie Mae Weems—and performance and exhibition opportunities at some of the nation's leading cultural institutions, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), The Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York), The Museum of Modern Art (New York) and New World Center (Miami). Additionally, YoungArts Winners are eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students who exemplify academic and artistic excellence.

YoungArts Winners become part of a thousands-strong alumni network of artists, which offers them additional professional opportunities throughout their careers. YoungArts alumni who have gone on to become leading professionals in their fields include actresses Viola Davis, Anna Gunn, Zuzanna Szadkowski and Kerry Washington; Broadway stars Raúl Esparza, Billy Porter, Andrew Rannells and Tony Yazbeck; recording artists Josh Groban, Judith Hill and Chris Young; Metropolitan Opera star Eric Owens; musicians Terence Blanchard, Gerald Clayton, Jennifer Koh and Elizabeth Roe; choreographers Camille A. Brown and Desmond Richardson; visual artists Daniel Arsham and Hernan Bas; internationally acclaimed multimedia artist Doug Aitken; New York Times bestselling author Sam Lipsyte; and Academy Award-winning filmmaker Doug Blush.

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