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**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION RETURNS TO LOS ANGELES
TO SUPPORT LOCAL TALENT**

**Regional Winners Selected from 12,000 Nationwide
in Public Performances, Exhibitions and Screenings at LATC**

**Announcing Teachers Debbie Allen, Joan Scheckel, Vijay Gupta,
Lillian Barbeito, Edward Arceneaux & More**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 TO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2016

WHAT: The [National YoungArts Foundation's](#) 2016 [YoungArts Los Angeles](#) program will take place from **February 16 to 21** and will offer approximately 80 YoungArts Winners, selected from a record 12,000 applications, a rare opportunity to learn, connect and collaborate with fellow peers and luminaries in their artistic field. The intensive week includes interdisciplinary workshops and concentrated master classes with renowned masters in their field, such as choreographer, director and three-time Emmy Award winning actress **Debbie Allen**; *Transparent* producer **Joan Scheckel**; celebrated choreographer **John Heginbotham**; acclaimed composer and violinist **Daniel Bernard Roumain**; Los Angeles Philharmonic violinist **Vijay Gupta**; visual artist **Edward Arceneaux**; BODYTRAFFIC Artistic director **Lillian Barbeito**; design duo the **Haas Brothers**; and the award-winning independent filmmaking duo of **Nancy Savoca** and **Rich Guay**.

During YoungArts Los Angeles, participants will also have the chance to share their talents with the public through three multidisciplinary performances, a cinematic arts screening, and a visual arts exhibition at the **Los Angeles Theater Center** on Spring Street in Downtown Los Angeles.

WHO: Approximately 80 YoungArts Winners in the visual, design, literary and performing arts. For a complete list of YoungArts Los Angeles participants, please contact Maura Klosterman, maura.klosterman@finnpartners.com.

**WHEN &
WHERE:** **2016 YoungArts Los Angeles Performances, Exhibition, Readings and Screenings**

Friday, February 19, 2016

6:30 PM

Visual Arts + Photography Exhibition Opening curated by John Tain

Los Angeles Theatre Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: FREE

8:00 PM

Jazz Performance + Writers' Readings co-directed by Bill Pierce, Michael Buckley and Ruth McKee

Los Angeles Theatre Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: \$15* or \$10 for YoungArts members and alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

*Please be in touch for complimentary media tickets.

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 PM

Dance, Theater + Voice Performance, Directed by John Heginbotham

Los Angeles Theatre Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: \$15* or \$10 for YoungArts members and alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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Sunday, February 21, 2016

2:00 PM

Classical Concert + Film Screenings directed by Daniel Bernard Roumain

Los Angeles Theatre Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: \$15* or \$10 for YoungArts members and alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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*Ticket fees apply. To become a YoungArts member, please visit

<http://www.youngarts.org/membership>.

Master Classes and Workshops

For a schedule of YoungArts Los Angeles Master Classes, please contact Maura Klosterman, maura.klosterman@finnpartners.com.

Aon is the YoungArts Legacy Master Series Sponsor, and **Arquitectonica** is the YoungArts Design Discipline Sponsor.

MORE INFO: <http://www.youngarts.org/youngarts-la>

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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 from a pool of more than an average of 11,000 applications (in 2015, the organization received a record-breaking number of more than 12,000 applications), YoungArts Winners receive valuable support, including financial awards of up to \$10,000, professional development and educational experiences working with renowned mentors—such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Jeff Koons, Wynton Marsalis, Robert Redford, Rebecca Walker and Bruce Weber—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 also 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 leaders 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 and Jennifer Koh; choreographer Desmond Richardson; visual artists Daniel Arsham and Hernan Bas; internationally acclaimed multimedia artist Doug Aitken; television writer, producer, and director Jenji Kohan; New York Times bestselling author Sam Lipsyte; and Academy Award winning filmmaker Doug Blush.

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

About YoungArts Regional Programs

YoungArts Los Angeles is one of the organization's three regional programs (that also take place in New York and Miami) which are modeled after its signature national program, National YoungArts Week, held annually in Miami, where the organization is headquartered. YoungArts regional programs offer life-changing experiences, guidance and support to incoming YoungArts Winners nationwide through interdisciplinary workshops, seminars and master classes with renowned leaders in their fields. YoungArts Winners are also eligible to be recognized as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, as YoungArts is the exclusive nominating agency for this high honor for artistically talented graduating high school seniors. This year, 819 emerging artists (ages 15-18 or grades 10-12) from 42 states were selected as YoungArts Winners for their outstanding work and accomplishments across the literary, visual, design and performing arts from more than 12,000 applications—the largest number to date. Each YoungArts regional program will engage YoungArts Winners from all award levels—Finalist, Honorable Mention and Merit—and will expose local audiences to emerging artists in their community.

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