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**VISUAL ARTIST GLENN LIGON AND  
YOUNGARTS ALUMNUS SAMORA PINDERHUGHES PARTICIPATE IN  
NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION NEW YORK SALON**

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2pm**

**New York Live Arts**

**WHAT:** On March 5, the **National YoungArts Foundation** (YoungArts), in partnership with PULSE360, will present *Critical Junctures*, a public Salon featuring internationally renowned conceptual artist **Glenn Ligon** alongside pianist, composer and YoungArts alumnus **Samora Pinderhughes** (2009 Winner in Jazz). The candid conversation will explore turning points in Ligon's career, the artist's approach to issues of race, language, desire, sexuality and identity across mediums, and how his work continues to contextualize the cultural narrative of the United States and its impact.

*Critical Junctures* is one of many in a series of dynamic New York programs hosted by YoungArts this year, which prominently feature the organization's alumni and master teachers based in the area. Future New York programming includes a Salon featuring the esteemed Russian-American choreographer and ballet dancer **Alexei Ratmansky** in conversation with **Cassandra Trenary** (2011 Winner in Dance) of American Ballet Theatre, as well as the annual regional program **YoungArts New York** (April 25-30, 2017) and accompanying New York Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

*Critical Junctures* is presented as part of the Live Arts Plus program at New York Live Arts. Related Group is the YoungArts Visual Arts discipline sponsor.

**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:** **Glenn Ligon**, artist  
**Samora Pinderhughes**, pianist and composer (2009 Winner in Jazz)

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**WHEN:** **March 5, 2017**  
Doors open: 1pm  
Salon begins: 2pm

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

**TICKETS:** \$10; free for alumni.  
To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.youngarts.org/salon-series>

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**MORE INFO:** [youngarts.org](http://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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