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**75 ASPIRING YOUNG ARTISTS ACROSS THE VISUAL, DESIGN, LITERARY AND
PERFORMING ARTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION WEEK-LONG INTENSIVE PROGRAM
IN NEW YORK CITY**

*Participants will learn from Professional Artists and Take Part in Public Performances, an Art Exhibition and
Writers' Readings at Baryshnikov Arts Center and Sotheby's New York*

*Public Programs Directed by Michael McElroy, Adam Larson,
Elizabeth Joy Roe, and Joan Morgan*

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 TO SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017

WHAT

The [National YoungArts Foundation \(YoungArts\)](#)'s 2017 **YoungArts New York** program will take place from **April 25 to 30** and will offer approximately 75 of this year's YoungArts Winners—some of the country's most talented artists ages 15 to 18 years old—life-changing opportunities to learn, connect and collaborate with their peers and renowned artists across disciplines. Part of a series of regional programs also presented in Los Angeles and Miami—and modeled after the organization's signature program, National YoungArts Week—YoungArts New York provides unparalleled support including interdisciplinary workshops, public performances, and seminars and master classes with such creative leaders as acclaimed author **Sir Salman Rushdie**, dancer and choreographer **Nora Chipaumire**, visual artists **Mickalene Thomas** and **Jose Párlá**, Tony Award-winning vocal coach **Joan Lader**, and Grammy-nominated saxophonist **Ben Wendell**.

Public programming begins on Friday, April 28 with a visual arts, design and photography exhibition at **Sotheby's New York**. Events at **Baryshnikov Arts Center (BAC)** include a dance, theater, voice and jazz performance directed by Grammy nominee **Michael McElroy** (1985 Winner in Musical Theater) and saxophonist **Adam Larson** (2009 Winner in Jazz), both YoungArts alumni; and a classical music concert and writers' readings directed by acclaimed pianist **Elizabeth Joy Roe** (2000 Winner in Classical Music), and author and award-winning journalist **Joan Morgan**.

WHO:

YoungArts Winners in the visual, design, literary and performing arts.
For a complete list of YoungArts Winners, please contact Julia An, julia.an@finnpartners.com.

**WHEN &
WHERE:**

2017 YoungArts New York Performances, Exhibition & Writers' Readings

Friday, April 28, 2017

8:00 PM

Visual Arts, Design & Photography Exhibition

Sotheby's New York (Bristol Gallery, 2nd Floor)

1334 York Avenue, New York, NY 10021

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

Admission: Invite only.

Saturday, April 29, 2017

8:00 PM

Dance, Theater, Voice and Jazz Performance

Directed by Michael McElroy with jazz direction by Adam Larson

Baryshnikov Arts Center (Jerome Robbins Theater, 3rd Floor)

450 West 37th Street, New York, NY 10018

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

Admission: \$15 or free for alumni. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

*Please be in touch for complimentary media tickets.

Sunday, April 30, 2017

2:00 PM

Classical Music Performance and Writers' Readings

Directed by Elizabeth Joy Roe and Joan Morgan

Baryshnikov Arts Center (Jerome Robbins Theater, 3rd Floor)

450 West 37th Street, New York, NY 10018

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

Admission: \$15 or free for alumni. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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*Ticket fees apply.

Master Classes and Workshops

For a schedule of YoungArts New York Master Classes, please contact Julia An,

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MORE INFO: <http://www.youngarts.org/nyc>

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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 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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