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77 EMERGING ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION’S WEEKLONG INTENSIVE PROGRAM IN MIAMI

Participants Will Learn from Professional Artists and Take Part in Public Performances, Film Screenings, an Art Exhibition and Writers’ Readings at YoungArts and Miami Theater Center

Public Programs Directed by Zuzanna Szadkowski, Cynthia Lee Wong, Jonathan Ragonese and Joan Morgan

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 TO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2019

WHAT

The National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts)’s 2019 YoungArts Miami program will take place from February 19–24 and will offer 77 of this year's YoungArts winners—some of the region’s most promising young artists—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 New York and modeled after the organization’s signature program, National YoungArts Week, YoungArts Miami provides unparalleled artistic development opportunities including interdisciplinary workshops, public performances, and master classes with creative leaders such as Emmy nominee Brandon Victor Dixon (1999 YoungArts Winner in Theater), visual artists Loni Johnson and Robert Chambers, architect and 2019 Jorge M. Pérez Award recipient Chat Travieso (2003 YoungArts Winner in Visual Arts & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts) and cinematographer Rick Delgado (1992 YoungArts Winner in Visual Arts).

Public programming begins on Friday, February 22 with a design, photography and visual arts exhibition opening, and a film screening, jazz performance and writers’ readings at the YoungArts Campus directed by Jonathan Ragonese (2007 YoungArts Winner in Jazz) and award-winning author Joan Morgan. Events at Miami Theater Center (MTC) include a dance, theater and voice performance directed by Zuzanna Szadkowski (1997 YoungArts Winner in Theater & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts), known for her roles on Gossip Girls, The Knick and, most recently, Uncle Romeo Vanya Juliet; and a classical music concert directed by composer Cynthia Lee Wong (2000 YoungArts Winner in Classical Music).

WHO:

YoungArts winners in the visual, literary, design and performing arts.
For a complete list of YoungArts winners, please contact Heike Dempster, hdempster@youngarts.org.

WHEN & WHERE:

2019 YoungArts Miami Performances, Exhibition & Writers’ Readings

On the YoungArts Campus
2100 Biscayne Blvd. | Miami
Friday, February 22
**Design, Photography and Visual Arts Exhibition Opening | 7 PM**
*Free with RSVP*

**Film Screenings, Jazz Performance and Writers' Readings | 8:30 PM**
*Free with RSVP*

*At Miami Theater Center*
9806 NE 2nd Ave. | Miami Shores

Saturday, February 23
**Dance, Theater and Voice Performance | 8 PM**
*Buy Tickets*

Sunday, February 24
**Classical Music Concert | 1:30 PM**
*Buy Tickets*

**Master Classes and Workshops**
For a schedule of YoungArts Miami master classes, please contact Heike Dempster, hdempster@youngarts.org

Support for YoungArts Miami is provided by National Premier Partner Carnival Foundation; Regional Partner Northern Trust; Design Arts Discipline Partner Arquitectonica; Visual Arts Discipline Partner Related Group; Stephanie Ansin and Spencer Stewart; Jay Franke and David Herro; Dr. Sidney Stern In Loving Memory of Florence Stern; Sandra and Tony Tamer; the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade Tourist Development Council; The Kirk Foundation; Wells Fargo; Miami Downtown Development Authority; and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture

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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, 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, 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 winners Doug Blush and Tarell Alvin McCraney.

For more information, visit youngarts.org, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. To watch a brief video about YoungArts, click here.

**About YoungArts Regional Programs**

YoungArts Miami is one of the organization’s three regional programs (that also take place in Los Angeles and New York) 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. This year, 757 emerging artists (ages 15–18 or grades 10–12) from 47 states were selected as YoungArts winners for their outstanding work and accomplishments across the visual, literary, design and performing arts. 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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