On Tuesday, April 16, the National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) will welcome nearly 300 of New York City's top cultural and community leaders, philanthropists, celebrities and art aficionados to the fourth annual YoungArts New York Gala in The Temple of Dendur at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The festive evening will celebrate aspiring artists in the cultural capital of New York and across the nation, as well as this year's 710 YoungArts winners—more than 50 of whom hail from the greater New York area. Presented by Baccarat, the event will be hosted by gala honorary co-chairs Derrick Adams and Agnes Gund, and co-chairs Sarah Arison, Gillian Hearst and Sandra Tamer.

The YoungArts New York Gala will be emceed by Broadway and TV star Daniel Watts (2000 YoungArts Winner in Dance) and will feature an elegant reception and seated dinner. Throughout the evening, a series of interdisciplinary performance vignettes will be directed by Grammy Award nominee Michael McElroy (1985 YoungArts Winner in Theater), and will feature a line-up of performances by emcee Daniel J. Watts, Kassi Abreu (2002 YoungArts Winner in Dance), Joshua Banbury (2013 YoungArts Winner in Theater and Voice), Cole Davis (2015 YoungArts Winner in Jazz), Ryan Doyle (2018 YoungArts Winner in Voice), Danny Fox (1998 YoungArts Winner in Jazz & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts), Joshua Green (2018 YoungArts Winner in Jazz), Mara Jill Herman (2003 YoungArts Winner in Theater), Jay Julio (2016 YoungArts Winner in Classical Music), Harrison Knostman (2018 YoungArts Winner in Dance), Liisi LaFontaine (2013 YoungArts Winner in Voice), Derek Louie (2016 YoungArts Winner in Classical Music), Kevin Sherwin (2012 YoungArts Winner in Classical Music) and Roxanne Young (2006 YoungArts Winner in Dance), among others.

In addition to their generous financial support, Baccarat is providing elements from their collection—including specialty flatware, glassware and table décor for the glamorous event.

Continuing YoungArts' longstanding and ever-growing commitment to supporting emerging artists, the event will kick off the organization's annual regional program YoungArts New York, which will take place from April 23 – 28 and feature an exhibition at Sotheby's New York and performances at Baryshnikov Arts Center (BAC). As 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 2019 YoungArts winners from the southeast region of the country with life-changing opportunities to participate in interdisciplinary workshops, seminars and master classes with renowned leaders in their fields, including photographer Lydia Bittner-Baird, screenwriter Shari Carpenteer and Joan Mitchell Fellow and visual artist Yashua Klos. This year, participants will showcase their talents to local audiences through performances directed by composer Jeannine Tesori with jazz direction by musician Emmet Cohen (2009 YoungArts Winner in Jazz), and a classical music concert and writers' readings directed by Dave Eggar (1987...
WHO: Expected gala guests include honorary co-chairs Derrick Adams and Agnes Gund; gala co-chairs Sarah Arison, Gillian Heart and Sandra Tamer; gala committee members Noreen Ahmad, Lisa Benson, Zoë Buckman, David Dechman and Michel Mercure, Casey Fremont, Georgia Harrell, Michi & Charlie Jigarjian, Jill and Peter Kraus, Peter W. Kunhardt Jr., Maacha LeBlanc, Maria Giulia Maramotti, Kara Moore, Dalia Oberlander, José Parlá, Anna Raginskaya, Daniela Riccardi, Jim Shreve, Max Teicher, David Totah, Marlies Verhoeven and Terry Zucker; and Steven and Oxana Marks.

WHERE: The Metropolitan Museum of Art
The Temple of Dendur
1000 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10028

WHEN: Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Media check-in: 5:45 PM
Red carpet arrivals: 6:15 PM
Program: 6:30 PM (cocktails), 7:30 PM (dinner)
***all media must be credentialed in advance

TICKETS: Tickets start at $1,500 and tables are available at $15,000. Please contact Dee Dee Sides at dsides@youngarts.org if interested.

MORE INFO: youngarts.org/nygala

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, Frank Gehry, Wynton Marsalis, José Parlá, Jeanine Tesori, Mickalene Thomas and Salman Rushdie—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.

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