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75 EMERGING ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION’S IMMERSE ARTS PROGRAM IN NEW YORK CITY

Participants Will Learn From Professional Artists and Showcase Their Work in Public Performances, Film Screenings, an Art Exhibition and Writers’ Readings at Baryshnikov Arts Center and Sotheby’s New York

Public Programs Directed by Emmet Cohen, Dave Egger, Joan Morgan and Jeanine Tesori

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 TO SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

WHAT

The National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts)’s 2019 YoungArts New York program will take place from April 23 – 28 and will offer 75 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 Miami and modeled after the organization’s signature program, National YoungArts Week, YoungArts New York provides unparalleled artistic development opportunities including interdisciplinary workshops, public performances and master classes with creative leaders such as photographer Lydia Bittner-Baird, screenwriter Shari Carpenter, and Joan Mitchell Fellow and visual artist Yashua Klos.

Public programming begins on Friday, April 26, with a design, photography and visual arts exhibition at Sotheby’s New York. Events at Baryshnikov Arts Center (BAC) include a dance, jazz, theater and voice performance directed by composer Jeanine 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 YoungArts Winner in Classical Music & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts) and author and award-winning journalist Joan Morgan.

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 or Hanna Cunningham, hanna.cunningham@finnpartners.com.

WHEN & WHERE:

2019 YoungArts New York Performances, Exhibition & Writers’ Readings

Friday, April 26, 2019
8:00 p.m.
Design, Photography & Visual Arts Exhibition
Sotheby’s New York, 1334 York Avenue, New York, NY 10021
Saturday, April 27, 2019
8:00 p.m.
* Dance, Jazz, Theater & Voice Performance*

*Directed by Jeanine Tesori with jazz direction by Emmet Cohen*

Baryshnikov Arts Center (Jerome Robbins Theater, 3rd Floor)
450 West 37th Street, New York, NY 10018
For directions and parking information, [click here](#).

*Please be in touch for complimentary media tickets.

Sunday, April 28, 2019
2:00 p.m.
*Classical Music Concert & Writers’ Readings*

*Directed by Dave Eggar 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](#).

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

Support for YoungArts New York is provided by National Premier Partner Carnival Foundation; Regional Partner Northern Trust; Aon; Design Arts Discipline Partner Arquitectonica; Visual Arts Discipline Partner Related Group; 7G Foundation; Jay Franke and David Herro; and Sandra and Tony Tamer.

**MORE INFO:** 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, 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.

**About YoungArts Regional Programs**
YoungArts New York is one of the organization’s three regional programs (that also take place in Los Angeles and Miami) 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, 710 emerging artists (ages 15–18 or grades 10–12) from 44 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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