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**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
YOUNGARTS MIAMI**

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2015; TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Approximately 100 Aspiring Artists to Participate in Master Classes with Renowned Teachers and Share Their Talents with the Public

WHAT: Check out our homegrown talent during [YoungArts Miami](#), from **March 10-15**, where the next **Ricky Ubeda, Kerry Washington, Hernan Bas, Tarell McCraney, Lucas Leyva** and **Naomi Fisher** - all of whom are [YoungArts](#) alumni - will showcase their creativity and talent through public performances and an exhibition.

YoungArts Miami is one of YoungArts' three regional programs (that also take place in New York and Los Angeles), which are modeled after its signature national program - National YoungArts Week - held annually in Miami. Through these regional programs, YoungArts engages hundreds of Winners who were chosen from a pool of more than 11,000 applications from 15-18 old (or grades 10-12) artists from around the country.

During YoungArts Miami, participants work with renowned artists who offer them support, advice and encouragement to pursue their passions and a career in the arts. The talented young artists will also have the chance to share their talents with the public through multidisciplinary performances, writers' readings, a cinematic arts screening and a visual arts exhibition on the **YoungArts Campus** and at **The Colony Theatre** on Lincoln Road.

YoungArts Winners have an opportunity to receive cash awards of up to \$10,000 (YoungArts has bestowed over \$12 million in monetary awards to date); are afforded access to significant scholarships (in the past two years alone, YoungArts has facilitated in excess of \$60 million in scholarship opportunities); and are eligible to be recognized as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, as YoungArts is the exclusive nominating agency for this high honor for artistically-talented graduating high school seniors. They also become part of the YoungArts alumni network of more than 20,000 artists, many of whom have gone on to become leading professionals in their fields, including visual artists **Doug Aitken, Daniel Arsham** and **Hernan Bas**; musicians **Terence Blanchard, Conrad Tao** and **Jennifer Koh**; filmmaker **Doug Blush**; recording artists **Josh Groban, Nicki Minaj** and **Chris Young**; writers **Jenji Kohan** and **Sam Lipsyte**; actors **Matt Bomer, Viola Davis, Andrew Rannells, Anna Gunn** and **Kerry Washington**; renowned choreographer **Desmond Richardson**; and recent *So You Think You Can Dance* winner **Ricky Ubeda**.

Support for YoungArts Miami is provided by the YoungArts National Premier Sponsor, Carnival Foundation; the YoungArts Miami Council; the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture; 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 Children's Trust; The Miami Foundation; Wells Fargo; Ocean Drive Magazine; The James Royal Palm; and Miami Downtown Development Authority.

WHO: Approximately 100 YoungArts Winners in the visual, literary, design and performing arts.

**WHEN &
WHERE:**

Friday, March 13 | 6:30 PM

Art, Design + Photography Exhibition Opening, Writers' Readings, Film Screenings & Jazz Combo

YoungArts Campus

2100 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, FL

Events are free. RSVP [here](#).

Saturday, March 14 | 8 PM

Dance, Music, Theater & Voice Performance Directed by Michael McElroy (1985 YoungArts Winner, Theater)

The Colony Theatre

1040 Lincoln Road

Miami Beach, FL

Tickets: \$15 General, \$10 Members + Alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Sunday, March 15 | 3 PM

Dance, Music, Theater & Voice Performance Directed by John Heginbotham

The Colony Theatre

1040 Lincoln Road

Miami Beach, FL

Tickets: \$15 General, \$10 Members + Alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#).

For more information and to purchase tickets, which are on sale now, visit <http://www.youngarts.org/youngarts-miami>.

To become a YoungArts member, please visit <http://www.youngarts.org/membership>.

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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 support the next generation of artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts; assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development; and raise appreciation for the arts in American society. Each year, there are approximately 11,000 applications to YoungArts from 15-18 year old (or grades 10-12) artists, and from these, approximately 800 winners are selected.

YoungArts provides these emerging artists with life-changing experiences and validation by renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition and other opportunities at critical junctures throughout their careers to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding emerging artists are encouraged to pursue careers in the arts. To date, YoungArts has honored more than 20,000 alumni, including Doug Aitken, Josh Groban, Jenji Kohan, Desmond Richardson and Kerry Washington, with over \$12 million in monetary awards; facilitated in excess of \$60 million in college scholarship opportunities in the past two years; and enabled its participants to work with master teachers who are among the most distinguished artists in the world, such as Marina Abramović, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Zaha Hadid, Robert Redford and Bruce Weber.

YoungArts is working with world-renowned architect and YoungArts Artistic Advisor Frank Gehry to transform the former Bacardi Tower and Museum buildings and three-and-a-half acre campus into its national headquarters, which will support expanded local activities in Miami and across the country. The new campus will feature a Gehry-designed performing arts center and park with state-of-the-art sound and video capabilities. Since opening the campus for programming in November 2013, YoungArts has held salons sponsored by the *John S. and James L. Knight Foundation* with Marina Abramović, Robert Redford, Justin Peck & Sufjan Stevens, Joshua Bell, Ben Folds and Lil Buck; hosted Olafur Eliasson and his *Little Sun* installation in partnership with MoMA PS1 and Fondation Beyeler; launched a Visual Artist in

Residency program supported by The Related Group; held master classes for local music students with jazz icon Wynton Marsalis and opera star Plácido Domingo; produced an interdisciplinary performance on the campus with Robert Redford and Sibylle Szaggars Redford, Living Colour's Will Calhoun, and YoungArts alumni Dave Eggar and Desmond Richardson; premiered HBO's *Joshua Bell: A YoungArts MasterClass*; and hosted a concert series in partnership with III Points Presents featuring FKA twigs, James Blake and SBTRKT.

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