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**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
YOUNGARTS LOS ANGELES**

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 TO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2015

WHAT: The [National YoungArts Foundation's](#) 2015 [YoungArts Los Angeles](#) program will take place from **February 17 to 22** and will offer approximately 100 aspiring artists – all of whom are 2015 YoungArts Winners – life-changing experiences. During YoungArts Los Angeles, these emerging artists will participate in interdisciplinary workshops and intensive master classes with renowned masters in their field, including dance legend **Debbie Allen** (Dance); Chief Curator of Contemporary Art at LACMA **Franklin Sirmans** (Visual Arts); acclaimed Los Angeles-based design duo the **Haas Brothers** (Design); Tony Award nominee **Malcolm Gets** (Theater); and the award-winning independent filmmaking duo of **Nancy Savoca** and **Rich Guay** (Cinematic Arts).

YoungArts Los Angeles is one of the organization's three regional programs (that also take place in New York and Miami) which are modeled after its signature national program, National YoungArts Week, held annually in Miami, where the organization is headquartered. Throughout the week, participants work with renowned artists, who offer them support, advice and encouragement to pursue their passions and a career in the arts. 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. Winners also 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.

During YoungArts Los Angeles, participants will also have the chance to share their talents with the public through three multidisciplinary performances, a cinematic arts screening, and a visual arts exhibition at the **Los Angeles Theater Center** on Spring Street in Downtown Los Angeles.

All YoungArts Winners 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** and **Daniel Arsham**; musicians **Terence Blanchard**, **Conrad Tao** and **Jennifer Koh**; filmmaker **Doug Blush**; recording artists **Josh Groban**, **Nicki Minaj** and **Chris Young**; writers **Janji 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**.

WHO: Approximately 100 YoungArts Winners in the visual, design, literary and performing arts. For a complete list of YoungArts Los Angeles participants, please contact Maura Klosterman, maura.klosterman@finnpartners.com.

**WHEN &
WHERE:** *2015 YoungArts Los Angeles Performances, Exhibition, Readings and Screenings*

Friday, February 20

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Art, Design and Photography Exhibition Opening

Los Angeles Theatre Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: FREE

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Jazz Instrumental, Writers' Readings, & Cinematic Arts Screenings

Los Angeles Theatre Center, Theater 3

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: \$15* or \$10 for YoungArts members and alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

**Please be in touch for complimentary media tickets.

Saturday, February 21

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Dance, Theater, Voice Performance, Directed by Malcolm Gets

Los Angeles Theatre Center, Theater 1

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: \$15* or \$10 for YoungArts members and alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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Sunday, February 22

2:00 PM - 4:00PM

Classical Music Performance, Directed by John Stevens

Los Angeles Theatre Center, Theater 3

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013

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

Admission: \$15* or \$10 for YoungArts members and alumni. To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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*Ticket fees apply. To become a YoungArts member, please visit

<http://www.youngarts.org/membership>.

Master Classes and Workshops

For a schedule of YoungArts Los Angeles Master Classes, please contact Maura Klosterman, maura.klosterman@finnpartners.com.

MORE INFO: <http://www.youngarts.org/youngarts-la>

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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.

Some of YoungArts' work is featured in its three-time Emmy-nominated HBO special *YoungArts MasterClass*, which chronicles the work of renowned artists sharing their art and life experiences with YoungArts Winners. *YoungArts MasterClass* specials have featured Edward Albee, Alan Alda, Joshua Bell, Olafur Eliasson, Renée Fleming, Frank Gehry, Josh Groban, John Guare, Bill T. Jones, Patti LuPone, Wynton Marsalis, Bobby McFerrin, James Rosenquist, Julian Schnabel, Anna Deavere Smith, Kathleen Turner and Liv Ullmann.

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