



NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION AND STARR RESTAURANTS CATERING GROUP ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF TED'S AT YOUNGARTS, A CULINARY AND CULTURAL DESTINATION

Public Opening Wednesday, December 17, 2014

(Miami, FL / Philadelphia, PA) – The National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) and Starr Restaurants Catering Group are proud to announce the opening of Ted's at YoungArts, an intimate cultural lounge and eatery located on the 7th Floor of YoungArts' Tower building on Biscayne Boulevard. Named in honor of YoungArts' co-founder and philanthropist, Ted Arison, Ted's at YoungArts (Ted's) opens to the public on Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

"We are extremely excited about our partnership with the National YoungArts Foundation. With their mission and their roots here in South Florida, we are enthusiastic to align ourselves with such a remarkable foundation and cultural institution," said Simon Powles, President of Starr Restaurants Catering Group.

"As YoungArts continues to open its doors to the Miami community, we couldn't think of a better partner than Starr Restaurants Catering Group to create a dual culinary and cultural destination," stated Paul T. Lehr, President and CEO of YoungArts.

Combining Starr Restaurants Catering Group's restaurant and event experience with the artistry and vision of YoungArts' programming, Ted's is a unique entertainment destination. Guests can enjoy innovative cuisines while experiencing various types of visual and performing arts curated by YoungArts, such as dance; photography; video installation; popular, classic and jazz music; spoken word and more. Ted's provides audiences with an intimate setting to interact with and experience some of the most talented local and national artists.

The only restaurant in the Southeast designed by world-renowned architect and YoungArts Artistic Advisor Frank Gehry, Ted's is one of the most technologically-advanced restaurant and catering venues in the region. The space boasts panoramic citywide views and features immersive 360-degree HD video projection capabilities and impeccable acoustic design by Nagata Acoustics, enhancing the ambiance of the room and creating an exceptional experience for guests and performers. Additionally, Ted's is fitted with a state of the art HD video and audio system enabling all performances to be streamed live online. With a custom translucent glass bar, retro modern lounge furniture, and a minimalist Miami Modernist (MiMo) vibe, the clean cool interiors of Ted's marry this historic Miami landmark with a 21st century performance space.

Ted's delectable menu showcases global tapas created by the talented culinary team at SRCG. To accompany the menu, Ted's offers a full bar and approachable dining options ideal for those looking to enjoy an after-work drink or dinner or a night cap while taking in the talents of some of the local community's and the nation's top emerging and established artists through YoungArts extensive network.

The YoungArts campus located at 2100 Biscayne Boulevard, nestled between three up-and-coming art hubs – Downtown Miami, Wynwood and the Miami Design District, is being transformed by Frank Gehry into a multidisciplinary arts complex that 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 with Marina Abramović, Robert Redford, Justin Peck & Sufjan Stevens, Joshua Bell, and Ben Folds; 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 Ill Points Presents featuring FKA twigs, James Blake and SBTRKT.

Ted's at YoungArts is open for dinner four nights a week and for Sunday brunch. For more information call [786-618-3210](tel:786-618-3210) or visit <http://www.youngarts.org/teds>.

ABOUT STARR RESTAURANTS + STARR RESTAURANTS CATERING GROUP

Founded in 1995 by Stephen Starr, Philadelphia-based STARR Restaurants is one of the largest multi-concept restaurant companies in the country. STARR Restaurants include Buddakan, Morimoto, The Continental, Barclay Prime, Continental Mid-Town, Fette Sau, El Vez, Jones, Alma de Cuba, Pod, Parc, The Dandelion, Talula's Garden, Talula's Daily, Frankford Hall, Butcher and Singer, Pizzeria Stella, El Rey, The Ranstead Room, Granite Hill, il Pittore and seasonal food-stand SquareBurger in Philadelphia; as well as Morimoto and Buddakan in New York City's thriving Meatpacking District and Caffè Storico in the New-York Historical Society. STARR Restaurants expanded to Atlantic City, NJ, with Buddakan and The Continental located in the Pier Shops at Caesars in 2006, to Florida with Steak 954 at the W Hotel Fort Lauderdale in 2009, Makoto in the Bal Harbour Shops in 2011 and Verde in the Pérez Art Museum Miami in 2013. Most recent openings include the critically hailed French brasserie Le Diplomate in Washington D.C. and Serpico in Philadelphia, as well as the new outpost of El Vez in NYC's Battery Park City. In October 2014, Starr will open Upland in New York City with Justin Smillie. The restaurant group's full-service catering and special events division includes clients such as the New York Botanical Gardens, the Perez Art Museum Miami, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the New-York Historical Society, the Rubin Museum of Art in New York, the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton NJ and most recently Clark Art Institute in the Berkshires and New Liberty Distillery in Philadelphia. With delectable cuisine, stellar service, hip music and cool settings, Stephen STARR Events brings the experiences of the wildly successful Starr Restaurants to the world of catering

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION

The National YoungArts Foundation 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 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, Desmond Richardson, Jenji Kohan and Kerry Washington, with over \$12 million in monetary awards; facilitated in excess of over \$60 million in college scholarships 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 the three-time Emmy-nominated HBO program *YoungArts MasterClass*, which chronicles the work of renowned artists sharing their art and life experiences with YoungArts Winners. *YoungArts MasterClass* specials have featured Alan Alda, Edward Albee, Joshua Bell, Olafur Eliasson, Patti LuPone, Bobby McFerrin, Julian Schnabel, Kathleen Turner and more. For more information, visit youngarts.org, facebook.com/YoungArtsFoundation or twitter.com/YoungArts. To watch a brief video about YoungArts, [click here](#).

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