

MEDIA ALERT * * * MEDIA ALERT * * * MEDIA ALERT**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
YOUNGARTS SALON WITH ROBERT AND SIBYLLE SZAGGARS REDFORD,
MODERATED BY THE JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION'S
DENNIS SCHOLL****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014, 6:00-7:30PM****AT THE NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION CAMPUS IN MIAMI**

WHAT: The National YoungArts Foundation's (YoungArts) second of six YoungArts Salons will feature award winning actor, film director, and producer **Robert Redford** and environmental artist **Sibylle Szaggars Redford** on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00pm at the YoungArts Campus in Miami. The discussion on art and activism will be moderated by John S. and James L. Knight Foundation's Vice President/Arts, **Dennis Scholl**.

"YoungArts Salon provides artists and audiences an opportunity to participate in a rich dialogue about artistic practice, collaboration, and the cultural landscape. We are thrilled that one of our Master Teachers, Robert Redford, and Sibylle Redford, whose work [*The Way of the Rain*](#) will premiere here on the YoungArts Campus on March 11, will bring their combined artistic knowledge and passion to our Campus," said Paul T. Lehr, President & CEO of the National YoungArts Foundation.

The YoungArts Salon series was launched through a grant from Knight Foundation. The discussion series brings together creative art luminaries and offers audiences an opportunity to engage with internationally recognized artists. The inaugural YoungArts Salon, which took place in December 2013, featured renowned performance artist Marina Abramović and filmmaker Matthu Placek as they discussed their collaborative work, and the premiere of *A Portrait of Marina Abramović* by Placek with moderator Cecilia Dean, Founder of *V* and *Visionaire* magazines.

Each Salon is accompanied by related blog posts on the YoungArts and Knight Foundation websites, www.youngarts.org and www.KnightArts.org.

WHO: **Robert Redford**, actor, director, and producer
Sibylle Szaggars Redford, environmental artist
Dennis Scholl, Vice President/Arts, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

WHEN: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
6:00 – 6:30PM: Pre-Salon Cocktails
6:30 – 7:30PM: Salon with Robert & Sibylle Redford

WHERE: YoungArts Campus, 7th Floor Lounge
2100 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami FL 33137
For directions and parking info [click here](#)

TICKETS: Tickets Now Available at <http://www.youngarts.org/>.

\$35 general admission, \$20 for students

ABOUT THE JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION

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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 and to contribute to the cultural vitality of the nation by investing in the artistic development of talented young artists in the visual, literary, and performing arts. With the guidance of YoungArts Artistic Advisors Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, and Bill T. Jones and others, YoungArts provides these emerging artists with life-changing experiences with 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 17,000 young artists with over \$6 million in monetary awards; facilitated in excess of \$150 million in scholarship opportunities; and enabled its participants to work with some of the most distinguished artists, such as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Bill T. Jones, Quincy Jones, Robert Redford, and Martin Scorsese. In addition, at the request of the Commission on Presidential Scholars, which is appointed by the President of the United States, YoungArts serves as the exclusive nominating agency for the U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, the country's highest honor for young artists. Presidential Scholars in the Arts receive a Presidential Medal at the White House and perform at the Kennedy Center and exhibit at the Smithsonian.

YoungArts alumni who have become leading professionals in their fields include actors Vanessa Williams, Viola Davis, Anna Gunn, Kerry Washington, and Adrian Grenier; four-time Tony Award nominee Raúl Esparza; Chief Executive Officer of American Ballet Theatre Rachel Moore; recording artists Josh Groban, Judith Hill, Nicki Minaj and Chris Young; Metropolitan Opera star Eric Owens; musicians Terence Blanchard and Jennifer Koh; choreographer Desmond Richardson; visual artist Hernan Bas; and internationally acclaimed multimedia artist Doug Aitken.

YoungArts is working with world-renowned architect and YoungArts Artistic Advisor Frank Gehry to transform the recently acquired former Bacardi Tower and Museum buildings and three and a half acre campus into its national headquarters to support expanded local activities in Miami and across the country. The campus will be a multidisciplinary arts complex with a new Gehry-designed performing arts center and park with state-of-the-art sound and video capabilities. The campus will host year-round programming including master classes, public screenings and performances, artists in residence, and visual arts exhibitions guest curated by institutions based in Miami, New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Since opening the campus for programming in November, YoungArts has debuted the European classical music phenomenon Yellow Lounge in partnership with Universal Music; held a salon with Marina Abramović and partnered in the world premiere of the 3-D film installation *A Portrait of Marina Abramović*; hosted Olafur Eliasson and his Little Sun installation as the debut show in the YoungArts Gallery in partnership with MoMA PS1 and Fondation Beyeler; exhibited Robert Indiana's *One, Two, and Seven* sculptures on the YoungArts campus plaza; held a master class for local music students with Jazz great Wynton Marsalis; and hosted more than 800 guests for the annual YoungArts Performance and Gala on the campus for the first time.

For more information, visit www.youngarts.org. To watch a brief video about YoungArts, [click here](#).