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**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
PUBLIC PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITION AND SCREENING SCHEDULE  
FOR YOUNGARTS LOS ANGELES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18 TO SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2014**

**WHAT**

The National YoungArts Foundation's 2014 YoungArts Los Angeles program will take place March 18 -23 and will offer Southern California's brightest young artists life-changing experiences and scholarship opportunities. YoungArts Los Angeles is one of the organization's three regional programs that are also hosted in New York and Miami and modeled after its signature national program, YoungArts Week, held annually in Miami, where the organization is headquartered. Through these programs, YoungArts engages its hundreds of regional Merit Winners, Honorable Mentions, and Finalists, who were chosen from more than 11,000 applicants from around the country

During YoungArts Los Angeles, 100 emerging artists will participate in interdisciplinary workshops and intensive master classes with renowned masters in their field including *New York Times* bestselling author **Rebecca Walker** (Writing), Los Angeles artist **Anna Sew Hoy** (Visual Arts), recording artist and jazz scholar **Dr. Ron McCurdy** (Jazz), as well as the award winning independent filmmaking duo of **Nancy Savoca** and **Rich Guay** (Cinematic Arts). These world renowned artists will mentor the YoungArts Winners and offer them support and encouragement to pursue their passions and a career in the arts.

Participants will also have the opportunity to share their talents with the public through two multidisciplinary performances, a classical music concert and a visual arts exhibition at the Los Angeles Theater Center on Spring Street in Downtown LA.

**WHO**

Southern California Winners participating in the 2014 YoungArts Los Angeles include students from Los Angeles, the La Crescenta and San Fernando Valleys (Burbank, Canoga Park, Hollywood, La Crescenta, Sunland, Van Nuys), Long Beach, Orange County (Anaheim, Cypress, Irvine, Santa Ana), the San Gabriel Valley (Alhambra, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino), the South Bay (Bellflower, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, San Pedro), Santa Monica, Santa Barbara and San Diego.

For a complete list of YoungArts Los Angeles participants please contact Maura Klosterman, [klostermanm@finnpartners.com](mailto:klostermanm@finnpartners.com).

Select Master Teachers as of February 24, 2014 include:  
**Rebecca Walker, Ruth McKee** and **Sarah Bynum\***: Writing  
**Ron McCurdy**: Jazz  
**Anna Sew Hoy**: Visual Arts  
**Ruth McKee**: Writing  
**Nancy Savoca and Rich Guay**: Cinematic Arts

**Malcolm Gets:** March 22 Performance Director

*\*Indicates YoungArts Alumnus*

**WHEN &  
WHERE**

**2014 YoungArts Los Angeles Performances, Exhibition, Readings and Screenings**

Friday, March 21

**6:00 PM *Photography and Visual Arts Exhibition***

Los Angeles Theater Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90015

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

Admission: FREE

**8:00 PM *Jazz Instrumental, Writers' Readings & Cinematic Arts Screenings***

Los Angeles Theater Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90015

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

Admission: \$10\* to purchase tickets, [click here](#)

\*\*Please be in touch for complimentary media tickets.

Saturday, March 22

**8:00 PM *Multidisciplinary Performance by 2014 YoungArts Winners in Dance, Theater and Voice, Directed by Malcolm Gets***

Los Angeles Theater Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90015

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

Admission: \$10\* to purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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Sunday, March 23

**2:00 PM *Chamber Music Concert, Directed by John Stevens***

Los Angeles Theater Center

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90015

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

Admission: \$10\* to purchase tickets, [click here](#)

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\*Ticket fees apply.

***Master Classes and Workshops***

For a schedule of YoungArts Los Angeles Master Classes Wednesday March 19 – Sunday March 23, please contact, Maura Klosterman, [klostermanm@finnparters.com](mailto:klostermanm@finnparters.com).

**MORE INFO** <http://www.youngarts.org/youngarts-la> / (305) 377-1140

**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](http://www.youngarts.org). To watch a brief video about YoungArts, [click here](#).