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**NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION TO PRESENT WORLD PREMIERE OF
THE WAY OF THE RAIN MIAMI
A PERFORMANCE ART PIECE BY SIBYLLE SZAGGARS REDFORD IN COLLABORATION WITH
A SUPERSTAR CREATIVE TEAM INCLUDING YOUNGARTS ALUMNI DAVE EGGAR AND
DESMOND RICHARDSON WITH A SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE BY
ROBERT REDFORD**

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 8:00PM
at the National YoungArts Foundation Campus in Miami

Tickets to One Night Only Event Go on Sale Monday, February 17, 2014

WHAT:

On Tuesday, March 11, the National YoungArts Foundation will present the world premiere of *The Way of the Rain Miami* – a collaborative performance art piece by an all-star creative team directed by **Sibylle Szaggars Redford**. This unique multidisciplinary show pays homage to Earth and its universal elements through the exploration of light, sound, color and texture. The concept for this one night only event was inspired during Redford's more than 20 years as an environmental activist and visual artist.

Happening at the National YoungArts Foundation headquarters in downtown Miami, this interdisciplinary performance will feature an all-star creative team: all original music composed by co-music director **Will Calhoun** (Grammy-Award winner and legendary drummer of the rock band, Living Colour) performing on his collection of rare indigenous instruments; co-music director **Chuck Palmer** (Grammy nominee and musician with Luciano, Frank Ocean, Evanescence and others) performing on percussion instruments; and co-music director **Dave Eggar** (YoungArts alumnus, two time Grammy nominee, and musician with the Who, Josh Groban, Tony Bennett, Beyonce, Paul Simon, and others) performing on cello and piano.

The choreography of another famed YoungArts alumnus, **Desmond Richardson**, hailed by the New York Times as "one of the great dancers of his time," will be performed amongst stunning 14-foot painted silks by Redford. Lighting by renowned designer **Steve Cohen** (also designer for Billy Joel, Elton John, Andrea Bocelli, Mariah Carey, Fleetwood Mac and others), and sound by legendary sound engineer **Ron Saint Germain** (engineered such legends as Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, UT, Michael Jackson, and winner of 12 Grammys and 60 gold and platinum albums). There also will be a short film presentation by **F. Thomas McBee III**, acclaimed video artist, as well as a special performance reading by Redford's husband, Academy Award winner and YoungArts Master Teacher, **Robert Redford**.

The Way of the Rain Miami is being generously sponsored by EventStar and The Miami Herald.

WHO: **Sibylle Szaggars Redford**, Director
Robert Redford, Actor (YoungArts Master Teacher)
Desmond Richardson, Choreographer (1986 YoungArts Winner in Dance and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts)
Dave Eggar, Musician and Co-Music Director (1987 YoungArts Winner in Music/Composition and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts)
Will Calhoun, Musician and Co-Music Director
Chuck Palmer, Musician and Co-Music Director
Steve Cohen, Lighting Designer
Ron Saint Germain, Sound Designer
F. Thomas McBee III, Video Director

** Please find collaborator biographies attached.*

WHEN: Tuesday, March 11, 2014
8:00 PM

WHERE National YoungArts Foundation Campus
2100 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33137

TICKETS Tickets will go on sale on Monday, February 17, 2014; to purchase [click here](#).
\$500 VIP tickets (includes gold-level seat, pre-show cocktail reception and a post-show cast Meet & Greet)
\$125 tickets (premium performance seat)
\$47.50 tickets (mezzanine seat)

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 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.

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