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NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES EXPANDED PROGRAMMING IN LOS ANGELES FOR UPCOMING SEASON

Highlights Include:

YoungArts Salons with Doug Aitken, Rachel Moore and Daniel Arsham

WHAT: For its upcoming season, the [National YoungArts Foundation](#) (YoungArts) will present expanded programming in Los Angeles, including additional YoungArts Salons, and the fifth annual YoungArts Los Angeles. This year's programming prominently features YoungArts alumni and master teachers, highlighting both the caliber of the organization's community of more than 20,000 emerging and established artists in Los Angeles and nationwide, and its commitment to nurturing the next generation of American artists. This year's programs will be presented in partnership with the Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles and The Music Center: Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles, among others.

Salon Series

The [YoungArts Salon Series](#) brings together creative voices and offers audiences an opportunity to engage with internationally renowned and emerging artists. Launched in 2013 through a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Salons take place in Miami, Los Angeles and New York. This year's participants in Los Angeles include:

Doug Aitken

The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA

In conjunction with *Doug Aitken: Electric Earth*, the first comprehensive survey of the artist's work on view at MOCA through January 15, 2017, the artist will join Kerry Brougher, Director, The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, to discuss his work and the current exhibition.

Rachel Moore

The Music Center: Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles

President and CEO of The Music Center, Rachel Moore will speak to her experience as a former dancer and top business executive at prestigious performing artist institutions including her current role at the Music Center as well as her tenure at American Ballet Theatre.

Daniel Arsham

Coinciding with CAP UCLA's presentation of *Rules of the Game*—a multidisciplinary work created by choreographer Jonah Bokaer, artist Daniel Arsham and singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams—Arsham and Bokaer will discuss the making of the piece, their largest collaboration to date.

YoungArts Los Angeles

For the fifth consecutive year, YoungArts will present its regional program [YoungArts Los Angeles](#) from March 28 – April 2, 2017.

YoungArts Los Angeles offers approximately 80 YoungArts Winners from the Southern California area the rare opportunity to learn, connect and collaborate with fellow peers and luminaries in their artistic field. The intensive week includes interdisciplinary workshops and concentrated master classes with renowned masters in their field. This year the faculty and performance directors will include celebrated choreographer **John Heginbotham**; acclaimed cellist **Jeff Zeigler**; lauded Jazz musician **Ron McCurdy**, award winning journalist and author **Joan Morgan**, curator **John Tain**, artist **Anna Sew Hoy**, photographer **Cat Jimenez** as well as the award-winning independent filmmaking duo of **Nancy Savoca** and **Rich Guay**. 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.

Gallery Exhibition

Curated by John Tain, the YoungArts Los Angeles exhibition will feature work from South California Visual Art, Photography and Design Winners. Details to be announced at a later date.

Support for YoungArts Los Angeles is provided by the Design Arts Discipline Sponsor, Arquitectonica and the Visual Arts Discipline Sponsor, The Related Group.

WHO: **Doug Aitken**, artist (1986 Winner in Visual Arts)
Kerry Brougher, Director, The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
Rachel Moore, President and CEO, The Music Center (1982 Winner in Dance)
Daniel Arsham, artist (1999 Winner in Visual Arts)
Jonah Bokaer, choreographer

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**WHEN,
WHERE &
TICKETS:**

Salon Series: Doug Aitken | October 5, 2016

Exhibition viewing at 6:00pm

Talk at 7:00pm

The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA

152 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Admission: By invitation

Salon Series: Rachel Moore | December 8, 2016

The Music Center: Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles

135 N. Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Salon Series: Rules of the Game | February 8, 2017

Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA

YoungArts Los Angeles | March 28 – April 2, 2017

YoungArts Los Angeles Exhibition | Summer, 2017

More details will be available in the coming months at
<http://www.youngarts.org/youngarts-los-angeles>.

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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 nurture the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts, and assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development. Through a wide range of annual programs, regular performances, and partnerships with some of the nation's leading cultural institutions, YoungArts aspires to create a strong community of alumni and a platform for a lifetime of encouragement, opportunity and support.

YoungArts' signature program is an application-based award for emerging artists ages 15 – 18 or in grades 10 – 12 from across the United States. Selected from a pool of more than an average of 11,000 applications (in 2015, the organization received a record-breaking number of more than 12,000 applications), YoungArts Winners receive valuable support, including financial awards of up to \$10,000, professional development and educational experiences working with renowned mentors—such as Debbie Allen, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Rebecca Walker, Plácido Domingo, Frank Gehry, Jeff Koons, Wynton Marsalis, Salman Rushdie and Carrie Mae Weems—and performance and exhibition opportunities at some of the nation's leading cultural institutions, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), The Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York), The Museum of Modern Art (New York) and New World Center (Miami). Additionally, YoungArts Winners are eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students who exemplify academic and artistic excellence.

YoungArts Winners become part of a network of over 20,000 alumni artists, which offers them additional professional opportunities throughout their careers. YoungArts alumni who have gone on to become leading professionals in their fields include actresses Viola Davis, Anna Gunn, Zuzanna Szadkowski and Kerry Washington; Broadway stars Raúl Esparza, Billy Porter, Andrew Rannells and Tony Yazbeck; recording artists Josh Groban, Judith Hill and Chris Young; Metropolitan Opera star Eric Owens; musicians Terence Blanchard, Gerald Clayton, Jennifer Koh and Elizabeth Roe; choreographers Camille A. Brown and Desmond Richardson; visual artists Daniel Arsham and Hernan Bas; internationally acclaimed multimedia artist Doug Aitken; *New York Times* bestselling author Sam Lipsyte; MacArthur "Genius" Fellow Tarell McCraney, and Academy Award-winning filmmaker Doug Blush.

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