

YoungArts Finalists Announced

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When it comes to nurturing young artistic talent and confidence, a week of immersion with prestigious master teachers goes a long way. Since its founding in 1981, YoungArts has established itself as a springboard for high school artists on the rise. Covering 10 disciplines in the literary, design, visual and performing arts, the program offers participants a week of boundary-pushing mentorship and performing experience, plus eligibility for scholarships and monetary prizes that extend far beyond the weeklong program.

Nearly 200 finalists (21 are dancers) will attend the 34th annual National YoungArts Week in Miami, January 4–11. Winners (786 total) in categories of finalists, honorable mention and merit are eligible to attend regional five-day programs in Los Angeles, Miami and New York City during the first part of 2015.

At YoungArts Week, students train with renowned artists in their fields to create and perform new work in the evenings. Master dance teachers have included Bill T. Jones (who is an artistic advisor to the program), Desmond Richardson (a YoungArts alumnus), Mikhail Baryshnikov, Jacques d'Amboise and former Bill T. Jones dancer Leah Cox, who spoke to DT earlier this year about her interdisciplinary approach to leading a YoungArts master class.

Applications for the 2016 YoungArts program open in spring 2015.

About YoungArts:



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