About YoungArts

Mission
YoungArts identifies the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary and performing arts, and provides them with creative and professional development opportunities throughout their careers.

Vision
To empower artists to pursue a life in the arts.

Values
Our core values are excellence, collaboration, inclusivity, experimentation, respect and integrity. These concepts underpin our efforts to provide artists with space, funding, mentorship, professional development and community. We strive to incorporate and communicate them throughout all of our programs.

Learn more about YoungArts’ commitment to equity and belonging.

Our Shared Work

Every year thousands of performing, visual and literary artists ages 15-18 apply to YoungArts through our signature national competition. All award winners then go on to receive a lifetime of support, including access to funding, mentorship, space, community and creative and professional development opportunities throughout their artistic careers.

YoungArts was founded in 1981, and thanks to generations of artists, continues to grow as an uplifting and regenerative community.

Chair of the Board & Executive Director

In March 2020, we, like the rest of the world, faced an unprecedented challenge. But even in this trying year, our commitment remained the same: We support artists.

After checking in with staff, partners and transitioning to work remotely, we dived into prioritizing the most critical needs of artists: financial support at a time when 95 percent of artists have reported a loss of income; professional development when 63 percent of artists have become fully unemployed; and a space for creativity when 67 percent of artists have lost access to the supplies, resources and support necessary for creative work. On April 8, 2020 we launched an emergency microgrant program, partnered with fellow national funders for Artist Relief, and followed up by offering virtual professional development workshops and residencies to local artists.

Artists are essential to society, and we are grateful to the storytellers, filmmakers, performers, visual artists and designers for giving us language and bringing us together not only when we needed it most, but every day and in almost everything we do.

Thank you for joining us on this journey, and a special thanks to our board and staff for helping to make this important work possible.

Sarah Arison
Chair, Board of Trustees

Jewel Malone
Executive Director

“Spending that incredible week with fellow creatives who felt passionately about their craft and their capacity to create positive, sustainable, emotive change in the world was inspiring, empowering, and transformative.”

Isabella Cho
2020 Writing & 2020 YoungArts Lin Arison Excellence in Writing Award Winner
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**2019-2020 Overview**

Applying to YoungArts may be the first step in affirming “I am an artist.” From National YoungArts Week for award winners 15-18 years, to the Up Next professional development series for alumni, we are committed to offering critical and ongoing support to artists at all stages of their careers.

### October

- Application closes
- Application adjudications
- In Process: Isha Parupudi & Jessica Baldinger
- Miami Design District Performance Series & Baccarat Event: Ashley Turner Davis & Grace Weller
- Within Interdependence exhibition opens

2020 Miami Film Festival Curatorial Mentorship Program Creative Microgrants

### November

- Alumni Space Grant: Patty Suau
- Up Next Focus: Writing
- Up Next Symposium: New York at Joe’s Pub
- YoungArts at The Frick: Tony Hazen
- Winners announcement

2020 Miami Film Festival Curatorial Mentorship Program Application adjudications Creative Microgrants Up Next: Interdependence exhibition

### December

- Art Basel Miami Beach VIP exhibition tour & talk
- Alumni Space Grant: Gema Lantado & Mercedes Fernández-Diaz
- Alumni Space Grant: Maria Pineda
- The Art of Anthropology: Cary Kao, Bucht, Isabelle Proda, Patty Sue
- Daniel Arsham Fellowship Award: Adam Amram
- Miami Art Week Dinner

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### January

- 2020 Jorge M. Pérez Award: Ericin Harris-Babou & Mateo Nava
- Backyard Ball
- National YoungArts Week
- Social Sculpture Cohort & Mentors/Tag in Sandeep Gupta
- Emergency Microgrants open

Up Next: Focus: Jazz
Up Next: Resident Advisors

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### February

- Up Next Symposium: Los Angeles at Headlands Center for the Arts
- YoungArts at The Frick: Judith Hill
- Up Next: Resident Advisors

2020 Miami Film Festival Curatorial Mentorship Program Creative Microgrants

### March

- 2020 YoungArts Lin Arison Excellence in Writing Award: Majesty’s Call
- In Process: Haley Hasson and Patty Suau
- 2020 Miami Film Festival Curatorial Mentorship Program Social Sculpture

### April

- Artist Relief opens
- Artist Talk: Michael McElroy & Lisa Leone
- Emergency Microgrants open
- Live from Emmer’s Place: Emmer Cohen
- Relay Art Project: Social Sculpture

### May

- Alone Together series: support & artist talks: Jennifer Kirk & Andrew Norman
- Petrolia: A Virtual Photography Exhibition opens
- Artist Relief: Talk: Kristy Edmunds & Lauren Bratboy
- YoungArts at Connect: Cordial Tea
- Artist Relief
- Emergency Microgrants
- Social Sculpture

### June

- U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts
- Artist Relief
- Emergency Microgrants
- Petrolia: A Virtual Photography Exhibition Social Sculpture
Creative opportunities through every stage of an artist’s career

Competition
Entrance to YoungArts starts with a highly competitive application process for the most accomplished artists ages 15–18, or grades 10–12, in the United States, which is judged by esteemed discipline-specific panels of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process.

Awards
YoungArts award winners, who represent the top 10% of applicants, receive valuable financial awards of up to $10,000 and the chance to learn in intimate settings from notable artists such as Endia Beal, Terence Blanchard, Doug Blush, Claire Chase, Santino Fontana, René Marie, Dr. Joan Morgan, Michele Shay, Reggie Wilson and B.D. Wong.

National YoungArts Week & U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts
Of the 687 award winners who represent Finalist, Honorable Mention and Merit award levels, 147 Finalists were invited to participate in National YoungArts Week, the organization’s signature program.

Held annually in Miami, National YoungArts Week aims to foster cross-disciplinary collaboration, community and the guidance that young artists need to prepare for the next stage of their artistic development. Finalists are further eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students.

YoungArts Miami
Modeled after National YoungArts Week, regional programs such as YoungArts Miami offer life-changing experiences, guidance and support to award winners nationwide through interdisciplinary workshops, seminars and master classes with renowned leaders in their fields. Regional programs are open to winners from all award levels—Finalist, Honorable Mention and Merit—and take place in Miami, Los Angeles and New York,* with opportunities to engage with local audiences in their communities.

Panelists’ Ethnicity/Race
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White
- Two or more races
- Prefer not to answer
- Native American/Alaskan
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Two or more races

Winners’ Ethnicity/Race
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White
- Two or more races
- Prefer not to answer

Winners’ Gender Identity
- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Transgender
- Prefer not to answer

*To prioritize the safety and health of artists, staff and partners, the 2020 YoungArts Los Angeles and YoungArts New York programs were suspended due to precautions related to COVID-19.

7,483 applications submitted
687 new YoungArts award winners
40 states
6 countries
$650,000+
in awards
242 classes
8 public events
147 finalists
78 attendees
90 classes
5 public events

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Creative Opportunities

Residencies

Residency programs foster creative growth for projects in development by providing artists with dedicated time, space and financial support.

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2000 Cerritos, 2020 Dance-Artist-in-Residence

Soranno STRETT, developed in the YoungArts jewel box, investigates emotional coping mechanisms associated with change and the often volatile actions that can instigate.

Performances

Performances featuring YoungArts award winners provide a platform for presentation and new audience cultivation.

Grants & Awards

YoungArts Daniel Arsham Fellowship

A $25,000 unrestricted award, presented by the Ridinger-McLaughlin family, and valuable mentorship from alumnus and contemporary artist Daniel Arsham (1999 Visual Arts).

YoungArts Jorge M. Pérez Award

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YoungArts Lin Arison Excellence in Writing Award

A $50,000 scholarship award to a YoungArts winner in Writing to support educational development.

Gordon Parks Centennial Scholarship

The Gordon Parks Foundation granted $5,000 cash awards to YoungArts winners who represent the depth, breadth and integrity of Gordon Parks’ work.

Exhibitions

Exploring timely themes in art or society, Primetime—the first virtual exhibition that opened in May 2020—focuses on current affairs, body image, race and representation in the media.

Primetime: A Virtual Photography Exhibition

Featuring the works of 19 YoungArts award winners, curated by Luisa Múnera, YoungArts Exhibitions Manager.

“I am so glad that I will be able to be a part of the YoungArts family forever and have such a great connection to like-minded and inspiring people.”

Chinmaka Ofor

2020 Photography

Creative Microgrants

Creative Microgrants provide up to $3,000 monthly to alumni seeking support for a wide range of artist needs and professional development opportunities, such as travel expenses to a residency, registration fees for a conference or class, the purchase of equipment, studio rental fees and more.

In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Creative Microgrants were halted temporarily and replaced with Emergency Microgrants that supported artists facing financial hardship due to the crisis.

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Professional development
designed to build real world skills

Up Next Series
From a daylong series of panel discussions and interactive workshops across artistic disciplines, to intimate, discipline-specific opportunities with industry leaders, the Up Next professional development series is designed to help build and advance the careers of artists.

YoungArts at Sundance Ignite
Five alumni filmmakers under the age of 25 attend the Sundance Film Festival and participate in the Ignite program of activities during the second weekend of the festival. YoungArts award winners attend panels and workshops with other young filmmakers, meet with established filmmakers and view films debuting at the prestigious festival.

YoungArts Post
YoungArts Post is a custom online portal for award winners to connect, share their work and discover new opportunities. It’s where artists can access applications for residencies, grants, performance and exhibition opportunities, temporary work with programs and targeted offerings from YoungArts’ cultural partners.

Community to connect and support artists

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Through Post, we are constantly building and engaging with our artistic community. In January 2020 three features were added to YoungArts Post: a calendar view for events, instant messaging for users, and custom commenting for tagging friends on posts.

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Kira Bursky
2014 Film

Alumni Space Grants
YoungArts at Sundance Ignite

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November 14, 2019

Up Next Symposium: Los Angeles at Netflix
February 4, 2020

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November 13, 2019

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COVID-19 Relief: A story of interdependence and collaboration

To support artists during the COVID-19 crisis, a coalition of national arts grantmakers came together to create Artist Relief, an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists across the U.S.

Coalition members included Academy of American Poets, Artadia, Creative Capital, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, MAP Fund, United States Artists and YoungArts—all small to mid-sized national arts grantmakers, working together to distribute $5,000 grants to artists facing dire financial emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to Artist Relief, YoungArts launched an Alumni Emergency Microgrant program to support YoungArts alumni experiencing loss of income due to the cancellation of scheduled professional engagements or unexpected expenses related to COVID-19 precautionary measures. YoungArts Alumni Emergency Microgrants are unrestricted $1,000 grants that aim to offer more than 80 emergency microgrants each cycle.

Donors’ generosity and commitment to artists

Dr. Sidney Stern
This year, Dr. Sidney Stern, through the Sidney and Florence Stern Family Foundation, generously endowed the Florence Stern Master Class in Dance in loving memory of his late wife. Through this class, YoungArts winners in Dance are able to experience life-changing access to renowned artists that can shape and inform their artistic practice. Choreographer, dancer and artistic director of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Robert Battle instructed the Finalists in Dance during 2020 National YoungArts Week. Dr. Stern’s support allows these classes to continue inspiring artists in perpetuity.

SunTrust now Truist
As the 2020 National YoungArts Week Performance Sponsor, SunTrust now Truist’s lead support made possible a week of inspiring public performances by YoungArts award winners from across the country at New World Symphony. One participant shared: “YoungArts Week taught me that there is a place for me in the future of American theater, that I can do anything if I have the grit, and that I’m not alone. The world seems so much smaller now that I have family and mentors in every corner of the country.”

Miami-Dade County
With the longstanding support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, YoungArts continues to celebrate the vibrancy of the Miami cultural community. Thanks to the County’s continued partnership, we welcomed hundreds of talented artists to Miami (before shifting to virtual programs in March 2020), supported the local partners who are the bedrock of our community and invested in the future of the arts in South Florida.
Miami Art Week

In celebration of Miami Art Week, YoungArts welcomed a distinguished circle of artists, supporters and philanthropic leaders to the YoungArts Campus for an intimate dinner in the Jewel Box sponsored by Baccarat, ONE Sotheby’s International Realty, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars at Braman Motors and Bruce and Ellie Taub. Later in the week, YoungArts hosted a breakfast, talk and tour exploring Within Interdependence, an exhibition featuring work by 20 YoungArts alumni curated by Deana Haggag, former President and CEO of United States Artists.

YoungArts Backyard Ball

The culmination of National YoungArts Week in January, the Backyard Ball brought together hundreds of supporters to celebrate the 2020 award winners and raised $1.7M for YoungArts programs. The event was chaired by Sarah Anson and Thomas Wilhelm, Jay Francine and David Hero, and Oxana and Steven Marks, and featured performances by past YoungArts award winners directed by choreographer John Heginbotham, in collaboration with musical director Jake Goldbas (2007 Jazz).

Thank you to gala Presenting Partner Harry Winston and VIP Host Partner UBS Financial Services, Inc.

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Revenue

- Foundations: 49%
- Corporations: 13%
- Endowment Income: 10%
- Earned Income: 2%
- Government: 2%
- Individuals: 24%

Expenses

- Programs: 73%
- Advancement: 21%
- General & Administrative: 6%

Assets

- Cash: $1,512,274
- Contributions receivables: $1,616,774
- Investments: $47,099,981
- Prepaid expenses and other assets: $372,466
- Interest in charitable remainder unitrust: $127,349
- Property and equipment, net of depreciation: $251,087

Total Assets: $50,979,931

Liabilities

- Accounts payable: $788,999

Total Liabilities: $788,999

Net Assets

- Unrestricted: $2,010,266
- Restricted: $48,180,666

Total Net Assets: $50,100,032

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