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**YOUNGARTS ANNUAL NEW YORK GALA
CELEBRATES ASPIRING YOUNG ARTISTS NATIONWIDE**

Honorary Co-Chairs Agnes Gund, José Parlá and Vanessa Williams

**Gala Co-Chairs Sarah Arison, Gillian Hearst and Sandra Tamer
Emceed by award-winning singer, songwriter, actor and philanthropist Josh Groban**

Presented in Collaboration with Givenchy and UBS Financial Services, Inc.

APRIL 11, 2022 AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

WHAT: On Monday, April 11, **YoungArts** will welcome nearly 250 of New York City's top cultural and community leaders, philanthropists, celebrities and art aficionados to the annual **YoungArts New York Gala** at **The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Temple of Dendur**. The festive evening will celebrate artists in the cultural capital of New York and across the nation, as well as this year's 720 YoungArts winners—67 of whom hail from the State of New York. Presented by **Givenchy** and **UBS Financial Services, Inc.**, the event will be hosted by gala honorary co-chairs **Agnes Gund, José Parlá** and **Vanessa Williams***, and co-chairs **Sarah Arison, Gillian Hearst** and **Sandra Tamer**.

The YoungArts New York Gala will be emceed by Tony, EMMY and four-time GRAMMY Award-nominated singer, songwriter, actor and philanthropist **Josh Groban** and will feature an elegant reception and seated dinner. Throughout the evening, a series of interdisciplinary performance vignettes will be directed by actress **Zuzanna Szadkowski***, and will feature a lineup of performances by **Alexis Aimé***, **Abdulrahman Amer ***, **Benny Benack III***, **Nia Drummond***, **Marty Jaffe***, **Dario Ntarelli***, **Colin Stranahan*** and **Austin Zhang***.

WHO: Honorary co-chairs **Agnes Gund, José Parlá** and **Vanessa Williams***; and gala co-chairs **Sarah Arison, Gillian Hearst** and **Sandra Tamer** will welcome expected guests including **Derrick Adams, Jonathan Adler***, **Jody Arnhold, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Joshua Bell, Troy Carter, Stuart Comer, Anita Contini, Anna Deavere Smith, Peter Eleey, Susan Fales-Hill, Kate Fowle, Jake Goldbas*, Thelma Golden, Deana Haggag, Michi**

Jigarjian, Bill T. Jones, Emil Kang, Jessica Lang, Susan and Glenn Lowry, Dr. Joan Morgan, Nicole Ari Parker, Slobodan Randjelović, Desmond Richardson*, Ben Rodriguez-Cubenas, Janet Rollé, Scott Rothkopf, Vernon Scott, Jean Shin, Henry Timms, Laurie Tisch, Dr. Deborah Willis, Hank Willis Thomas and Rujeko Hockley, Jasmine Wahi, Daniel J. Watts* and Dr. Deborah Willis.

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WHERE: The Metropolitan Museum of Art
The Temple of Dendur
1000 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10028

WHEN: Monday, April 11, 2022
Media check-in: 5:45 PM
Red carpet arrivals: 6:15 PM
Program: 6:30 PM (cocktails), 7:30 PM (dinner)
****all media must be credentialed in advance*

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$1,500. Tables are available starting at \$30,000. Please contact Angela Goding at agoding@youngarts.org if interested.

COVID PROTOCOL: Proof of vaccination and photo ID required. Specific arrival guidelines and instructions will be shared prior to the event.

MORE INFO: <https://youngarts.org/support/ny-gala/>

* indicates past YoungArts award winners

About YoungArts

YoungArts was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison to identify the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary and performing arts and provide them with creative and professional development opportunities throughout their careers. Entrance into this prestigious organization starts with a highly competitive application process for talented artists ages 15–18, or grades 10–12 in the United States. Applications are adjudicated through a rigorous blind process by esteemed discipline-specific panels of artists. All YoungArts award winners receive financial awards and the chance to learn from notable artists such as Debbie Allen, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Germane Barnes, Wynton Marsalis, Salman Rushdie and Mickalene Thomas.

YoungArts award winners are further eligible for exclusive opportunities including: nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the nation's highest honors for high school seniors; a wide range of creative development support including fellowships, residencies and awards; professional development programs offered in partnership with major institutions nationwide; additional financial support; and access

to YoungArts Post, a private, online portal for YoungArts artists to connect, share their work and discover new opportunities.

Past YoungArts award winners include Daniel Arsham, Terence Blanchard, Camille A. Brown, Timothée Chalamet, Viola Davis, Amanda Gorman, Judith Hill, Jennifer Koh, Tarell Alvin McCraney, Andrew Rannells, Desmond Richardson and Hunter Schafer.

For more information, visit youngarts.org, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [YouTube](#).

About Givenchy

Hubert de Givenchy founded his namesake fashion house specializing in Haute Couture and ready-to-wear in 1952. No sooner did it open than Givenchy earned a reputation for breaking with the fashion codes of its time.

Today, Givenchy remains synonymous with the dual notions of fresh modernity and aristocratic elegance, a tribute to the talents of Monsieur Givenchy's successors, in chronological order: John Galliano, Alexander McQueen, Julien MacDonald, Riccardo Tisci and, most recently, Clare Waight Keller.

In June 2020, the iconic House opened a fresh chapter in its history by appointing designer Matthew M. Williams as Creative Director for women's and men's collections.

