



**ARCHITECT GERMANE BARNES TO RECEIVE
ARISON AWARD AT YOUNGARTS MIAMI GALA
ON JANUARY 28, 2023 AT THE ICONIC YOUNGARTS CAMPUS**

**Evening to Celebrate Artists Across the Country, including the latest Jorge M. Pérez award recipient,
and Feature Performances by YoungArts Award Winners
Directed by Acclaimed Musician and Conductor Jacomo Bairos**

MIAMI, FL (January 4, 2023) – **Germane Barnes** will be honored with the Arison Award at the annual YoungArts Miami Gala on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the iconic YoungArts campus in Miami, the organization announced today. The evening will celebrate Barnes’ vital contributions to the arts, the 2023 YoungArts award winners—the nation’s most accomplished young artists in the literary, visual and performing arts—and all artists across the country. Barnes will accept his award at YoungArts’ largest annual fundraiser bringing together artists, influential community leaders and philanthropists for an evening of artistry, dining and dancing.

The Miami Gala, presented by Prada, will feature performances by **Uriel Ramirez** (2015 YoungArts Award Winner, Dance), **Anton Kot** (2019, 2020, 2021 YoungArts Award Winner, Jazz), **Alice Blumenfeld** (2008 YoungArts Award Winner and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, Dance), **Marjan Naderi** (2020 YoungArts Award Winner, Writing), **Peter Eom** (2013 YoungArts Award Winner, Classical Music) and **Tariq Al-Sabir** (2011 YoungArts Award Winner, Voice) under the artistic direction of acclaimed musician and conductor **Jacomo Bairos** (1994 YoungArts Award Winner, Classical Music), who is also the emcee for the evening. The event is hosted by honorary co-chairs **Sarah Arison and Thomas Wilhelm** and **Jill Braufman** and **Daniel Nir**.

“The YoungArts Miami Gala is an evening of art and inspiration. Germane Barnes is one of the most compelling and relevant architects working today and we are honored to celebrate his contributions to Miami and beyond. The thoughtful approach to architecture epitomized by his work creates deep connections between art, space and social justice. We look forward to celebrating his accomplishments and dedication to helping guide the next generation of artists alongside artists across the country,” said **Sarah Arison**, Chair of the YoungArts Board of Trustees.

Barnes’ award-winning research and design practice investigates the connection between architecture and identity, examining architecture’s social and political agency through historical research and design speculation. Mining architecture’s social and political agency, Barnes examines how the built environment influences black domesticity. He is currently an Associate Professor and the Director of The Community Housing & Identity Lab (CHIL) at the University of Miami School of Architecture, a testing ground for the physical and theoretical investigations of architecture’s social and political resiliency. His work has been featured in international venues and publications, most notably The Museum of Modern Art NY, SF MoMA, MAS Context, The Graham Foundation, *The New York Times*, DesignMIAMI/ Art Basel, *Metropolis*, *Domus*, and The National Museum of African American History, where he was identified as

one of the future designers on the rise. Born in Chicago, IL, Barnes received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Master of Architecture from Woodbury University where he was awarded the Thesis Prize for his project *Symbiotic Territories: Architectural Investigations of Race, Identity, and Community*.

Arison Awards, designed by **Jean Shin** (1990 YoungArts Winner in Visual Arts & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts), are given annually to individuals who, like the Arison family, have had a significant influence on the development of young American artists.

The Gala will also honor the 2023 recipient of the **Jorge M. Pérez Award**. First established in 2018, the award honors a YoungArts Visual Arts award winner who has succeeded in strengthening their community through artistic endeavors with a \$25,000 unrestricted award. Applicants aged 25 and over are invited to submit materials through open call on YoungArts Post. Selections are made by the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation. Recent recipients include Juan Jose Cielo (2015 Visual Arts), Malaika Temba (2014 Visual Arts), Ilana Harris-Babou (2009 Visual Arts) and Mateo Nava (2013 Visual Arts & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts).

Support for the gala is provided by Prada.

For more information or to purchase tickets or tables, visit [2023 YoungArts Miami Gala - YoungArts](#)

About YoungArts

Established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison, YoungArts identifies exceptional young artists, amplifies their potential, and invests in their lifelong creative freedom. YoungArts provides space, funding, mentorship, professional development and community throughout artists' careers. Entrance into this prestigious organization starts with a highly competitive application for talented artists ages 15–18, or grades 10–12, in the United States that is judged by esteemed discipline-specific panels of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process.

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

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