2026 National YoungArts Week

Dance Performance

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 • New World Center

Lekha Wood
Natanam Ādinār | Music by Gopalakrishna Bharathiyar, Performed by Sudha Ragunathan | Choreographed by Guru Sahasra Sambamoorthi & Ramya Ramnarayan

Logan Joshua Asuncion
Construct Pattern | Music by Alva Noto | Choreographed by Nick Meola

Jocelyn Cramer
Variation from *Diana and Acteon* | Music by Cesare Pugni | Choreographed by Agrippina Vaganova

Alicia Niwa
Daahoud | Music by Clifford Brown, Performed by Oscar Peterson Trio | Choreographed by Anthony Morigerato

Richie Granese
The Weight of Pause | Music by Jean-Michel Blais | Choreographed by Ethan Colangelo

Payton Stowe
Heaven's Quiet Reply | Music by VOCES8 | Choreographed by Cory Barnette and Troy Herring

Sriyuktha Ganipineni
Ananda Nartana Ganapatim | Music by Ootukadu Venkata Kavi, Performed by Kuldeep M. Pai | Choreographed by Jai Kishore Mosalikanti

Aaron Chang
What Am I | Music by Justin Vernon, Performed by Bon Iver | Choreographed by Aaron Chang

Cameron Voorhees
Silent Shout | Music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Performed by Peter Gregson | Choreographed by Cameron Voorhees

Yun Xin Lin
Variation from *Paquita* | Music by Ludwig Minkus | Choreographed by Marius Petipa

Jordyn Sarmoen
After Glow | Music by Ēriks Ešenvalds, Performed by Pacific Lutheran University Choir of the West | Choreographed by Madison Hicks

Jasmyn Gulley
Be Italian | Music by Maury Yeston, Performed by Fergie | Choreographed by Jasmyn Gulley

Cole Lovelady
Nihilist | Music by Akira Yamaoka | Choreographed by Oliver Keane

Saanvi Kondoju
Shankara Sri Giri | Music by Swathi Thirumalai, Performed by Guru Padmini Radhakrishnan | Choreographed by Guru Meenakshi Ganesan

Jordan Lassiter
Airmail Special | Music by Benny Goodman, Performed by Ella Fitzgerald | Choreographed by Jordan Lassiter

Angelina Elliott
Eyes of the Unknown | Music by Keeley Forsyth, Performed by Ross Downes | Choreographed by Jayjay Dixonbey

Nandita Dani
Anāhata | Music by Atul Desai | Choreographed by Parul Shah

Cameron Kennedy
Stone Angel | Music by Davidson Jaconello | Choreographed by Cameron Kennedy

Sam Evans
Eternal Trip | Music by Sam Evans | Choreographed by Sam Evans

Eiana Nova
Soul Vibrancy | Music by Billie Eilish | Choreographed by Eiana Nova

Kylan Wright
The Crumbling | Music by Valgeir Sigurðsson | Choreographed by Victor Smalley

2026 Winners with Distinction in Dance
Finale | Music by The Blaze | Choreographed by 2026 YoungArts Panel, Coaches, and Winners with Distinction

2026 YoungArts Winners with Distinction in Dance

Logan Joshua Asuncion | Modern/Contemporary
James Logan High School | Union City, CA
Aaron Chang | Modern/Contemporary
Orange County School of the Arts | Santa Ana, CA
Jocelyn Cramer | Ballet
Belle Vernon Area High School | Vernon, PA
Nandita Dani | Indian
Bergen County Academies | Hackensack, NJ
Angelina Elliott | Modern/Contemporary
Online/Virtual School | Brooklyn Park, MN
Sam Evans | Choreography
Cleveland School of the Arts | Cleveland, OH
Sriyuktha Ganipineni | Indian
Broad Run High School | Ashburn, VA
Richie Granese | Modern/Contemporary
Orange County School of the Arts | Santa Ana, CA
Jasmyn Gulley | Jazz
Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts | Houston, TX
Cameron Kennedy | Modern/Contemporary
Online/Virtual School | Los Angeles, CA
Saanvi Kondoju | Indian
Middleton High School | Middleton, WI
Jordan Lassiter | Tap
Stansbury High School | Stansbury Park, UT
Yun Xin Lin | Ballet
Lambert High School | Suwanee, GA
Cole Lovelady | Modern/Contemporary
Mill Creek High School | Hoschton, GA
Alicia Niwa | Tap
Vista Del Lago High School | Folsom, CA
Eiana Nova | Hip Hop
Douglas Anderson School of the Arts | Jacksonville, FL
Jordyn Sarmoen | Modern/Contemporary
Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of Arts | West Palm Beach, FL
Payton Stowe | Modern/Contemporary
Casteel High School | Queen Creek, AZ
Cameron Voorhees | Modern/Contemporary
Homeschool | Elmira, NY
Lekha Wood | Indian
Avenues The World School | New York, NY
Kylan Wright | Modern/Contemporary
Online/Virtual School | Fayetteville, GA

2026 National YoungArts Week Guest Artists

Chip Abbott | Dance Coach
Mariam Adam | Classical Music Guest Artist
Derrick Adams | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist, YoungArts Trustee
Tehillah Alphonso | Voice Coach, 2015 & 2016 Voice
Luciano Antonino | Film Actor
Marie Arago | Photography National Selection Panel
Leticia Bajuyo | Visual Arts National Selection Panel Chair
Kate Baker | Voice National Selection Panel
Germane Barnes | Design National Selection Panel
Willa Bennett | Writing Guest Artist
Jonathan Beyer | Voice Guest Artist
Iram Parveen Bilal | Film National Selection Panel
Deborah Birnbaum | Voice Guest Artist
Doug Blush | Film Guest Artist, 1984 Film, YoungArts Trustee
Jonathan Bowens | Film Guest Artist (Crew)
Camille A. Brown | Florence Stern Dance Guest Artist, 1997 Dance & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Mahogany Browne | Writing Guest Artist
Daveed Buzaglo | Voice Discipline Coordinator, 2012 Voice
India Carney | Voice National Selection Panel, 2011 Theater, Voice & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Dejha Carrington | Curator
Devin Caserta | Visual Arts Discipline Coordinator, 2006 Visual Arts
Marianela Castro | Voice Accompanist
Christopher Castellani | Writing National Selection Panel Chair, 1990 & 1992 Writing
Max Chernin | Theater National Selection Panel, 2008 Theater
Victoria Collado | Writing Guest Artist
Anthony Collins | Film Guest Artist (Crew)
Melissa Cullens | Design National Selection Panel
Tanya Darby | Jazz National Selection Panel
Priya Darshini | Voice Guest Artist
Marshall Davis Jr. | Dance Coach
Ana de Archuleta | Voice Guest Artist
Rick Delgado | Film Guest Artist, 1992 Film
Alaman Diadhiou | Dance Guest Artist, 2016 Dance & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Isabella Dilla | Film Actor
Brandon Victor Dixon | Theater Guest Artist, 1999 Theater
Laura Donohue | Voice Guest Artist
Clinton Edward | Dance Discipline Coordinator
Brian Ellison | Photography National Selection Panel
Wayne Escoffery | Jazz National Selection Panel
Diana Eusebio | Design Discipline Coordinator, 2016 Design & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Joe Farnsworth | Jazz Guest Artist
Annette Felder | Design National Selection Panel
Daniela Felder | Design Guest Artist
Rebecca Fisher | Design Guest Artist
Victor Giraldez | Voice Accompanist
Rudi Goblen | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist
Marjorie Grevious | Curriculum Guest Artist
Dave Guy | Jazz Guest Artist
Isaac Harlan | Theater Accompanist
H. Adam Harris | Curriculum Guest Artist
Rena Heinrich | Theater National Selection Panel
Anthony Hemingway | Film Guest Artist
Rosie Herrera | Dance National Selection Panel Chair
Reina Hidalgo | Dance Coach
MaryAnn Hu | Theater National Selection Panel Chair
McClenty Hunter | Jazz National Selection Panel
Javon Jackson | Jazz Guest Artist, 1983 Jazz
Cat Jimenez | Photography National Selection Panel Chair
Christina Johnson | Dance Coach
Virginia Johnson | Dance National Selection Panel
Katherine Jolly | Voice National Selection Panel

Kanniks Kannikeswaran | Voice Guest Artist
Vidita Kanniks | Voice Coach
Mitch Kaplan | Writing Guest Artist
Tommy Kha | Photography National Selection Panel
Yashua Klos | Visual Arts National Selection Panel
Autumn Knight | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist
Jennifer Koh | Classical Music Guest Artist, 1994 Classical Music & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Amanda Krische | Curriculum Guest Artist, 2012 Dance & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Kari Landry | Classical Music National Selection Panel
Pascal LeBoeuf | Classical Music National Selection Panel Chair, 2004 Jazz
Quil Lemons | Photography Guest Artist
Conway Liao | Design Guest Artist
Esther Lin | Writing National Selection Panel
Yvonne Lin | Design National Selection Panel Chair
Miguel Luciano | Visual Arts Guest Artist
Jeremy Manasia | Jazz National Selection Panel Chair
Dr. Ron McCurdy | Jazz Guest Artist
Michael McElroy | Theater National Selection Panel, 1985 Theater, YoungArts Trustee
Alex Mediate | Photography Discipline Coordinator, 2016 Photography
Hollis Meminger | Film National Selection Panel Chair
Jessica Meyer | Classical Music National Selection Panel
Aaron Miller | Classical Music Discipline Coordinator, 1998 Classical Music
Andrea Mogck | Anthropologie Design Guest Artist
Christopher K. Morgan | Dance National Selection Panel
Dr. Joan Morgan | Writing Guest Artist, YoungArts Trustee
Sam Moyer | Visual Arts Guest Artist
Nicole Mujica | Theater Discipline Coordinator
Raina Murnak | Voice Guest Artist
Keshav Nelavai | Voice Accompanist
Tracey Newsome | Anthropologie Design Guest Artist
Brian Potts | Dance Accompanist
Steve Prince | Visual Arts National Selection Panel
Marcus Quiniones | Theater, Voice Coach
Marty Quinn | Voice Accompanist
Noel Quiñones | Writing Guest Artist
Christian Reátegui | Jazz Discipline Coordinator
Jeremy Reger | Voice Accompanist
Christell Roach | Writing Discipline Coordinator, 2015 Writing
Aurora Robson | Visual Arts Guest Artist
Ignacio Rosado | Classical Music Arranger, 2025 Classical Music
Anastasia Samoylova | Photography Guest Artist
Chris Sampson | Voice National Selection Panel Chair
Reid Schlegel | Design Guest Artist
Sasie Sealy | Film National Selection Panel
Jean Shin | Visual Arts Guest Artist, 1997 Winner in Theater & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, YoungArts Trustee
Franklin Sirmans | Visual Arts Guest Artist
Jermaine Spivey | Dance Coach, 1998 Dance
Lane Michael Stanley | Writing National Selection Panel
Risa Steinberg | Dance Coach
Daniel Strange | Voice Accompanist
Grace Talusan | Writing National Selection Panel
Rosanna Tavarez | Dance National Selection Panel
Norman Teague | Design Guest Artist
Noelle Théard | Photography Guest Artist
Dr. Nadhi Thekkek | Dance Coach
David Thomson | Curriculum Guest Artist
Stewart Thorndike | Film National Selection Panel
Cristy Trabada | Film Discipline Coordinator, 2016 Film
Yara Travieso | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist, 2005 Dance
Anna Tsouhlarakis | Visual Arts National Selection Panel
Noriko Ueda | Jazz Guest Artist
Guillermo Ursini | Film Guest Artist (Crew)
Michael Benjamin Washington | Film, Theater Guest Artist, 1997 Theater & U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
Kristina Wong | Interdisciplinary Guest Artist

Production Team

Monica Soderman | Stage Manager
Giancarlo Queirolo | Head Production Manager
Alex Queirolo | Production Manager
Angie Queirolo | Production Assistant
Eugene Young | Production Assistant
Carla Hill | Voice of Goddess

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