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YoungArts RECEIVES GIFT FROM FOX TO SUPPORT VOICE DISCIPLINE

GIFT MADE ON BEHALF OF FOX COMEDY "GLEE"

Miami, FL, September 9, 2009: YoungArts, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), is the proud recipient of a generous gift from Fox Broadcasting Company (FOX) that will support the YoungArts Voice Discipline. FOX and the cast and producers of GLEE recently presented a check for \$25,000 to **Christina DePaul, President and CEO of YoungArts** at the show's premiere screening and post-party in Los Angeles. GLEE, an innovative comedy about a high school glee club, premieres tonight, Wednesday, Sept. 9 (9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT) on FOX.

YoungArts is a national non-profit organization based in Miami that recognizes and supports America's most talented 17- and 18-year-olds in the visual, literary, and performing arts. YoungArts is the sole nominating agency for the **Presidential Scholars in the Arts**. The organization provides young emerging artists with both financial support and life-changing experiences. Students participate in master classes with world-renowned artists like Frank Gehry, James Rosenquist, Edward Albee, Placido Domingo, and Mikhail Baryshnikov; they showcase and perform at professional venues such as the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian; and are given monetary awards and scholarship opportunities.

There are many parallels between YoungArts Program participants and the students featured in GLEE. The series follows an optimistic teacher, Will Schuester (Matthew Morrison), who – against all odds and a malicious cheerleading coach – attempts to save McKinley High's Glee Club from obscurity, while helping a group of aspiring underdogs realize their true star potential. This concept mirrors the struggle of so many of the YoungArts participants. Kids often find it difficult to have the confidence to pursue their talents in a world that sometimes does not support the arts. YoungArts helps serve as part of that support system. Student artists depend

so much on the encouragement of a high school teacher like the character of Mr. Schuester in GLEE. YoungArts relies on the dedication and commitment of such teachers to inform their students about how to apply to the YoungArts program.

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Young Arts Alumni

Alumni include Broadway actors as well as award-winning playwrights, authors, musicians, vocalists and visual artists, including Grammy nominee Josh Groban who will guest-star on GLEE Wednesday, Sept. 16 (9:00-10:00 PM ET/PT); Grammy, Emmy and Tony nominee Vanessa Williams; three-time Tony nominee Raúl Esparza; award-winning author Allegra Goodman; television and film actor Adrian Grenier; internationally renowned painter John Currin; and acclaimed visual artist Doug Aitken.

How to apply to YoungArts

Applications are filled out and submitted online. Students must also include submissions of their work. For details on how to apply to the YoungArts program visit www.youngARTS.org

How to support YoungArts

Educate America has designated YoungArts as a "Best Charity in America." To help support YoungArts, contact the Development Department at 305.377.1140 x1303 or email development@youngarts.org.