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THE YOUNGARTS WEEK RESULTS ARE IN! 45 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE NAMED GOLD AND SILVER WINNERS BY YOUNGARTS

HONOR INCLUDES MONETARY AWARD AND A WEEK OF ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE IN NEW YORK CITY

MIAMI (February, 2010) – Forty five student artists from across the country have been honored by YoungArts, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), as a Gold and Silver award winners for their exceptional performance during the 2010 national YoungArts Week. These outstanding young artists will receive an award in the amount of **\$10,000 (Gold) or \$5,000 (Silver)** and be invited to travel to New York City for *In the Studio*, an artistic residency with an interdisciplinary emphasis, April 17-23, 2010.

These 45 students were among a group of 142 high school seniors from across the nation who came to Miami for YoungArts Week 2010, a five-day intensive training and performance program with world-renowned artists. Each of the young artists who attended were selected from an original application pool of more than 4,000 students nationally. The 45 Gold and Silver awards given this year are based upon national panel evaluations during YoungArts Week.

The Gold and Silver Award winners travel again to an all-expense paid week in New York City called *In the Studio*. This event is a once-in-a-lifetime experience allowing students interdisciplinary enrichment activities and an opportunity to perform at **Baryshnikov Arts Center** and exhibit at **Affirmation Arts Gallery**. The students also participate in master classes and workshops with elite master teachers in their particular discipline.

Master Teachers have included Mikhail Baryshnikov, Edward Albee and Martin Scorsese.

“For many of the Gold and Silver award winners the week in Miami combined with the week in New York City will give them the tools that they need to succeed in the arts,” said Christina DePaul President & CEO of YoungArts.

Registration for the next year’s YoungArts Week will open on March 15. For more information visit www.youngarts.org or call 305.377.1140.

A full list of winners is available upon request. Student bios, photos and interviews are also available upon request.

About YoungArts:

YoungArts is the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA). It is the signature national organization that recognizes and supports America’s most talented 17-18 year olds in the visual, literary and performing arts. YoungArts is the sole nominating agency for Presidential Scholars in the Arts. The foundation provides emerging artists with financial support and life changing experiences with internationally renowned artists. YoungArts alumni go on to become leading professionals in their fields. Alumni include Emmy nominated actress Vanessa Williams, three-time Tony Award nominee Raúl Esparza, star of HBO’s Entourage Adrian Grenier and Warner Brothers Recording Artist Josh Groban. For more information, please visit www.youngarts.org