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YoungArts TO HOLD EDUCATORS RECEPTION FOR MIAMI- DADE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

EVENT CELEBRATES LAUNCH OF NEW REGIONAL PROGRAM YoungArts MIAMI

Miami, FL, September 20, 2009: YoungArts, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), will be hosting Miami-Dade high school teachers for an **Educators Reception** on **Thursday, September 24, from 4-6 PM** at the **YoungArts offices (777 Brickell Ave, Suite 370, Miami)**. The event is being held in celebration of the launch of **YoungArts Miami**, a new regional initiative that mirrors the national YoungArts Program, and has the ability to impact the lives of thousands of Miami-Dade's high school student artists. The event will provide Miami-Dade High School teachers with important information about the program and the opportunities it will provide for students. There will be live music by steel pan artist **Othello Molineaux** and YoungArts Alumnus and musician **Emmet Cohen**.

YoungArts Miami is made possible by generous funding from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation's Art Partnership Grant. The program will provide talented students with artistic enrichment opportunities including professional development assistance in nine disciplines in the visual, literary and performing arts. The program offers master classes with world-renowned artists, the chance to perform and exhibit at professional venues, as well as the possibility to receive monetary awards and college scholarship assistance.

The goal of YoungArts Miami is to be able to provide young, local artists with the tools they need to forge a successful career in the arts, as well as to engage the Miami community to help support and encourage these gifted artists developing right in our own backyard. To learn more about YoungArts Miami, visit www.youngarts.org and click on Programs.

Miami-Dade High School Teachers interested in learning more about YoungArts Miami should contact Gregory Jackson, Director of Regional Programs, 305.377.1140 extension 1706 or GJackson@youngarts.org.

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A program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts

About YoungArts

YoungArts identifies the nation's most talented high school seniors and other 17 and 18-year olds in nine disciplines in the performing, literary and visual arts. Based on the belief that the arts can be sustained only if they are continually renewed and refreshed by the vigor and perspective of young artists, the program offers unique educational opportunities, scholarships and awards to exceptionally talented artists. Since 1981 YoungArts has facilitated over \$80 million in college scholarships and gifted over \$6 million in awards. YoungArts is the exclusive nominating agency to The Commission on Presidential Scholars in the Arts; a select few receive their awards at the White House each summer. Alumni include Broadway actors, award-winning playwrights, authors, musicians, vocalists and visual artists. Additionally, Educate America has designated YoungArts as a "Best Charity in America." For more information, please visit www.youngARTS.org.