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**'AN AFFAIR OF THE ARTS' PERFORMANCE AND GALA
TOASTS AMERICA'S BEST YOUNG ARTISTS**

MIAMI, FL (Oct. 21, 2008) – Mark your calendar for one of the most anticipated events of the South Florida social season! The annual ***An Affair of the Arts*** Performance and Gala, in support of youngARTS™, will bring together the nation's finest young, established artists, the patrons who support them, and a cache of celebrities on **Saturday, January 17, 2009**. SunTrust Bank is the Title Presenting Sponsor. Chairing this year's Gala are prominent Miami arts philanthropists **Judy and Sherwood "Woody" Weiser, Irma and Norman Braman** and **Rosa and Carlos De La Cruz**.

The evening begins with a cocktail reception and silent auction, chaired by **Norma and Luis Quintero**, who have pulled together a dazzling variety of luxury items from Tiffany & Co., Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman among other luxury brands. A special tribute follows to honor distinguished visual artist **James Rosenquist**, the recipient of this year's prestigious Arison Award, and three-time Tony Award nominee **Raúl Esparza**, who appears on Broadway this season in the revival of David Mamet's *Speed the Plow*. A 1988 youngARTS Finalist in Theater, Esparza has been named the recipient of this year's youngARTS Alumni Award. Guests also will enjoy an alumni performance by the Uptown Trio, who recently performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the

Performing Arts in Washington D.C. Joining the Uptown Trio for the evening will be special guests youngARTS alumni, Madelyn Deutch and Richard Saunders.

An Affair of the Arts Performance and Gala will be held at the newly renovated **Fontainebleau Miami Beach**, in their stunning, oceanfront **Glimmer Ballroom on the Ocean**, Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 6 p.m. – 1 a.m. Table prices range from \$6,500 to \$50,000, preferred seating is available for \$1,000 and individual patron tickets are offered at \$650. The **youngPATRONS After Party**, with DJ Irie, begins at 10 p.m. This event is hosted by **Sarah Arison** and **Ana** and **Rob Barlick**. **youngPATRONS After Party** tickets are offered at \$50 per individual or \$75 per couple. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available for both.

For more information, please contact Edwina Lau at (305) 379-0607 or email gala@youngARTS.org. To learn more about the Gala and the youngARTS program, please visit www.youngARTS.org.

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About youngARTS™:

youngARTS™ is the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA). youngARTS identifies the nation's most talented high school seniors in nine different disciplines in the performing, literary and visual arts. The program offers unique educational opportunities as well as scholarships and awards to artists who demonstrate extraordinary talent. youngARTS is based on the belief that the arts sustain their power only if they are continually renewed and refreshed by the vigor and perspective of young artists. Since 1981 youngARTS has facilitated more than \$80 million in scholarships for higher education institutions throughout the country and has gifted over \$6 million in awards. youngARTS is the exclusive nominating agency to The Commission on Presidential Scholars for the annual selection of the Presidential Scholars in the Arts; the selected few receive their awards at the White House each summer. Alumni include Broadway actors, award-winning playwrights, published authors and numerous esteemed musicians and visual artists. Christina DePaul, an accomplished, award-winning artist and educator, is the new President and CEO of youngARTS. For more information, please visit www.youngARTS.org