



A PROGRAM OF NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE ARTS
Inspiring Young Artists for America's Future

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youngARTS™ OPENS EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2008 AWARDS

*Talented Students in Nine Arts Disciplines Win Individual Cash Awards Up to \$10,000
and Chance to be Named Presidential Scholar in the Arts*

MIAMI, FL (April 1, 2007) – youngARTS™, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) that identifies and rewards exceptional student artists from across the U.S., has opened registration for its 2008 program. High school seniors in the 2007-2008 school year or graduates who will be 17 or 18 years old on December 1, 2007 are encouraged to apply for individual cash awards of up to \$10,000 and the chance to be named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, earning national recognition and opportunities for additional scholarships.

The youngARTS 2008 early registration deadline is **June 1, 2007** (30% fee discount on registrations received on or before June 1st). The final registration deadline is **October 1, 2007** and all audition/portfolio materials must be received in the youngARTS offices by **November 5, 2007**. Online fees are \$35 per discipline category. New York City resident fees will be determined by NYC zip code. Student information submitted by the early deadline will be shared, with permission, to a broad network of colleges, universities and conservatories affiliated with NFAA. Additional fee reductions and waivers are available.

Each year, NFAA invites up to 150 artists to participate in youngARTS Week, a once-in-a-lifetime experience in Miami consisting of performances, master classes, workshops, readings, exhibits and enrichment activities with renowned artists and arts educators.

Every student who participates in youngARTS Week will receive one of the following awards:

- The coveted **\$10,000 youngARTS Gold Award**, a non-stipulated cash award that will be given to up to 15 deserving finalists;
- **\$5,000 Silver Award**, bestowed to as many as four deserving finalists in each of the nine youngARTS disciplines;
- Level I, II, III and IV Awards, ranging from **\$500 to \$3,000**, granted to the remaining youngARTS finalists.

In addition, at the exclusive request of the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, NFAA nominates up to 50 youngARTS finalists for the Commission's consideration to be named as Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Formerly known as Arts Recognition and Talent Search® (ARTS), youngARTS was established 26 years ago by Carnival Cruise Lines creator **Ted Arison** and his wife **Lin**

Arison to identify uniquely gifted young artists and assist them both financially and educationally. Its roster of alumni reads like a "Who's Who" in the arts, and includes such luminaries as actress and recording artist **Vanessa Williams**, recent *Nashville Star* winner **Chris Young**, dancer/choreographer **Desmond Richardson**, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater principals **Matthew Rushing** and **Linda Celeste Sims**, New York City Ballet principal **Philip Neal**, former American Ballet Theatre (ABT) dancer and current ABT Executive Director **Rachel Moore**, Warner Brothers recording artist **Josh Groban**, Philadelphia Orchestra principal clarinetist **Ricardo Morales**, New York Philharmonic guest solo violinist **Jennifer Koh**, jazz trumpet player **Roy Hargrove**, Broadway actors **Ron Eldard** and **Raul Esparza**, photographer **Lauren Greenfield** and visual artist **Doug Aitken**.

For more information, call 1-800-970-ARTS (2787) or visit www.youngARTS.org.

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ABOUT NFAA:

Dedicated to inspiring young artists for America's future, the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 by businessman and visionary Ted Arison and his wife, Lin. NFAA's mission is to identify emerging artists and assist them at critical junctures with their educational and professional development; and to raise the appreciation for, and support of, the arts in American society.

youngARTS™, NFAA's core program, brings 17- and 18-year old artists in the performing, literary and visual arts from across the nation to Miami for a week-long session of workshops, master classes, live adjudication and performances. *Rehearsing a Dream*, a film about the youngARTS program, received a 2007 Oscar nomination as Best Documentary Short Subject.

The NFAA youngARTS program is sponsored, in part, by: Bank of America; Carnival Cruise Lines; The Coca-Cola Company; The Jacques and Natasha Gelman Trust; Gibson Guitar Corporation; Baldwin Piano; Gibson Baldwin Music Education; The Gibson Foundation; The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and SunTrust.

youngARTS Week 2007 was sponsored, in part, by: American Airlines, The National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council; and the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs; the Cultural Affairs Council; the Tourist Development Council; and the Mayor and the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners.