Scenes from YAGP's Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow Gala

The famed Youth America Grand Prix, the world's largest student ballet competition, connecting students, teachers, schools, companies, choreographers, dancers, audiences and presenting organizations, held it's annual gala on, Thursday, April 28th. This year's gala entitled Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow took place at Brooklyn Academy of Music's Howard Gilman Opera House.

It was a very "international" evening, one that was hosted by former ABT principal dancer Angel Corella and ABT prima ballerina Irina Dvorovenko. The evening which featured YAGP’s talented student finalists (stars of tomorrow), from over 30 countries, performed alongside the world's most prominent ballerinas (stars of today) including Michaela DePrince (Dutch National Ballet), who recently starred in Beyonce's Lemonade HBO special, Edo Wijnen (Dutch National Ballet), Stella Abrera (ABT), Artem Ovcharenko and Ekaterina Krysanova (Bolshoi Ballet), Hannah O'Neill and Hugo Marchand (Paris Opera Ballet), Daniel Camargo (Stuttgart Ballet) and Sarah Lane (ABT), Rachel Kivlighan and Nick Mishoe (Orlando Ballet), and Daniel Ulbricht (NYC Ballet).
The Gala benefit Chairs were Suzanne Dance, Christina Lyon, Dr. Shirley Madhère-Weil, and New York based Designer B Michael. Noteworthy guests included Teen Vogue’s Amy Astley (the evening’s Honorary Chair), Cheryl Bergenfeld, Gary & Barbara Brandt, Saundra Cornwell, Linda Fell, Sergei Filin, Michele Gerber Klein, Danielle Hirsch, Judith M. Hoffman, Master Adrien Hohenberg and Mrs. Rosalind Hohenberg, Karen LeFrak, Allen & Margot London, Christina Lyon, Tara Milne, Irene Minkoff, Linda K. Morse (YAGP Chair), Richard Osterweil, Karine Plantadit, Elizabeth Papadopoulos, Howard Paley, Ben Rodriguez-Cubenas, Calvin Royal III (ABT), Suzanne Saperstein, Larissa Saveliev (YAGP Founder), Elizabeth Segerstrom, Hee Seo (ABT), John Sills, Gabe Stone Shayer (ABT), Irene Shen, and Katie Williams (ABT).

The gala performance was followed by a dinner reception held at Skylight Studios' Skylight One Hanson. Following the light Asian inspired cuisine, a dance circle broke out where board members and dancers alike danced into the early morning hours.

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