Angel Corella and Irina Dvorovenko hosted Youth America Grand Prix's Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow gala on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at BAM Howard Gilman Opera House. The evening featured YAGP’s talented student finalists (stars of tomorrow), from over 30 countries, preforming alongside the world's most prominent ballerinas (stars of today) including Michaela DePrince (Dutch National Ballet), who recently starred in Beyoncé's Lemonade HBO special, and 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).

Following the gala performance, guests were invited to a festive dinner and dancing reception at Skylight One Hanson. The benefit Chairs were Suzanne Dance, Christina Lyon, Dr. Shirley Madhère-Weil, and B Michael. 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). A dance circle broke out where board members and dancers alike danced into the early morning hours.

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over 70,000 young dancers - ages 9 to 19 - of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds have participated in international workshops, audition classes, and dance awareness events. Gifted dancers have earned over $3 million in scholarships to the leading dance schools. More than 300 YAGP alumni currently dance with 80 companies around the world, including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Boston Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet, Mariinsky Ballet and many others. For more information, call 646.465.5933 or visit WWW.YAGP.ORG.

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