

Staying Warm

On Monday, February 3rd, Kamie Lightburn, Heather Georges, and Stephanie Foster hosted a elegant luncheon at Le Cirque to announce the Spring YAGP Gala that they will chair.

Guests of honor included NYCB's former principal dancer, **Charles Askegard** and ABT's principal dancer, **James Whiteside**.

Guests that bared the cold weather in support of YAGP included: **Suzie Aijala, Dr. Lisa Airan, Kate Allen, Charles Askegard, Paige Betz, Dr. Tevor Born, Phil Chen, Herman Cornejo, Jenny Frank, Melissa Gibbons, Paige Hardy, Judith Hoffman, Sharon Hoge, Sharon Hurowitz, Tracey Huff, Nathalie Kaplan, Lisa Klein, Nyssa Kourakos, Pam Ludwick, Jonathan Marder, Lisa Morse (Chair, YAGP), Elyse Newhouse, Ramona Norton, Kate Peck, Kathy Prounis, Larissa Saveliev (Founder of YAGP), Dana Sciff, Jean Shafiroff, Margot Tarkian, Evelyn TAmanda Tapiero, Kari Tiedemann, Evelyn Tompkins, Alexis Waller, and James Whiteside.**



Herman Cornejo, Heather Georges, Kami Lightburn, Stephanie Foster, and James Whiteside

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Guests enjoyed a three-course lunch that included: the Twice Baked Goat Cheese Souffle, Salad 'Le Cirque', and Dark Chocolate Mousse.

YAGP's 2014 New York City Finals will take place April 3-8. The gala will be held Thursday, April 10 at Lincoln Center's David H. Koch Theater. For more information, visit www.yagp.org.



YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX (YAGP) is the world's largest student ballet scholarship competition, awarding over \$250,000 annually to leading dance schools worldwide ensuring the future of dance. Since its founding in 1999 by two former Bolshoi Ballet dancers, Larissa and Gennadi Saveliev, YAGP has awarded over \$2 million in scholarships to the leading dance schools worldwide. The competition is conducted annually throughout the U.S. and abroad (Brazil, Mexico, Japan, and Italy). YAGP is the "internet of the dance world," a global network of opportunity connecting dancers, teachers, schools and companies all over the globe. Over 25,000 dancers worldwide have participated in YAGP's international workshops, competitions, and audition classes. Over 300 YAGP alumni are now dancing with 50 companies around the world, including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet and San Francisco Ballet, among others.



Dana Sciff, Margot Takian, Evelyn Tompkins, and Kathy Prounis



Heather Georges, Dr. Lisa Atran, and Dr. Trevor Rom

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James Whiteside, Herman Cornejo, and Charles Askegard



Sharon Hoge



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