



*Gala - Chairs: Stephanie Fostr, Heather Georges and Kami Lightburn
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On a very cold and snowy, Monday, February 3, 2014 - Kamie Lightburn, Heather Georges, and Stephanie Foster hosted a elegant luncheon at Le Cirque (151 East 58th Street) 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.

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

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