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'The Making of An Artist' With ^o Misty Copeland

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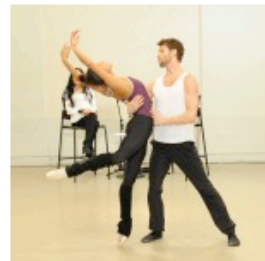
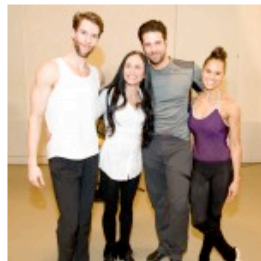
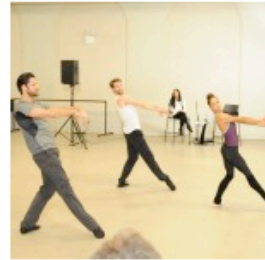
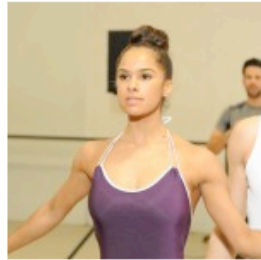
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This past Monday **Live Civil** had the pleasure of attending a presentation hosted by the Youth America Grand Prix, entitled "*The Making of An Artist*". The fundraiser event featured YAGP Founder, **Barbara Brandt**, moderating a discussion around the topic "What is an artist?". The participants included renown choreographer **Marcelo Gomes**, and the amazing **James Whiteside** and **Misty Copeland**, all of the American Ballet Theatre.

If you're not familiar with the YAPG, the organization is the world's largest student ballet scholarship competition that awards over \$250,000 annually to leading dance schools worldwide. 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 event took place in a dance studio hosting 125 guests who listened as each of the dancers answered **Brandt's** questions about their artistry. From there, **Gomes** began to create an original work with the dancers **Copeland** and **Whiteside** to the classic Sleeping Beauty, right before the audience's eyes. Definitely an amazing experience, check out some of the pics below.

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Lookout for **Misty** on your television screens as she is the newest brand ambassador for **Under Armor** sports apparel and will be featured in a new national campaign doing choreography by none other than **Marcelo Gomes**. Also, for more information on the YAGP and their scholarship initiatives, visit their site [here!](#)