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 finding 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.
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!