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Deborah Case students to attend competition



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Dancers from the Deborah Case Dance Academy will attend the prestigious Youth American Grand Prix competition in Austin on Jan. 16.

The dancers will perform classical variations from major ballets. Elizabeth Garza, age 12, and Charisma Brown, age 13, will perform Swanhilda's variation from Coppelia, Elizabeth will also perform Kitri variation from Don Quixote, and Alexia Peña, age 14, will perform Aurora's variation from Sleeping Beauty.

Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) is the world's largest global network of dance. It fulfills its mission of dance education through scholarship auditions, master classes, alumni services, educational and outreach activities, performances, and films.

Mission statement: To support and develop world-class dancers, ages 9 to 19, of all economic, ethnic and geographic backgrounds by providing scholarship auditions, performance and education opportunities, and by serving as the global network of dance, connecting students, teachers, schools, dance companies, dancers, and audiences.

YAGP reaches more than 7,000 dance students annually by holding workshops, scholarship auditions, master classes and audition classes in approximately 17 U.S cities and 6 international locations. Each season culminates in the week-long New York Finals, where more than 1,200 of the world's most promising dancers receive in-depth mentoring and greater scholarship, professional, and performance opportunities. The New York Finals closing night "Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow" Gala features the students showing the most potential alongside the stars of today's leading dance companies.