First Position

YAGP's Sergey Gordeev introduces Gillian Murphy and American Ballet Theatre dancers at the launch event for Youth America Grand Prix's First Position Club.

This past Tuesday night, Youth America Grand Prix launched its First Position Club at the home of Caroline Hyman with her children Mac and Prue Hyman by her side.

YAGP's Sergey Gordeev, alongside American Ballet Theatre dancers and YAGP alumni Katie Williams, Gabe Stone Shayer, and Jamie Kopit who were joined by fellow ABT dancers Gillian Murphy and Fang Zhongjing, thanked guests for coming and spoke about First Position Club before a cake was brought out in honor of Irene Shen's birthday.

Guests gazed at the collection of over 40 theatrical design artworks, including many from Leon Baskt, Alexandre Benois, Natalia Goncharova and even a couple Andy Warhol costume designs from The Frogs.

With the name taken from the award-winning documentary, First Position, YAGP's First Position Club provides members an exclusive "Behind the Scenes" view into the world of dance. Members can choose events from the YAGP Behind-the-Scenes Series where they interact and share intimate experiences with the artists, directors, educators, and other celebrated leaders of the dance community.
Fang Zhongjing, John Sills, Fred Shin, and Elizabeth Papadopolous

Gabe Shayer and Katie Williams  Doug Wurth and Sarah Arison

Jared Longhitano, Emily Reifel, and Andrew Mikhael
Sergey Gordeev, Anne Dexter Jones, Elizabeth Papadopolous, and John Sills