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YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX GALA / “STARS OF TODAY MEET THE STARS OF TOMORROW”

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Y.A.G.P. is both a ballet competition and a cottage industry of global proportions. After round upon round of competition, an army of finalists—ages nine to nineteen—come to New York for the final showdown, followed by a gala. All the kids are shockingly good. In the first half, the young dancers get to show their stuff. Then, after intermission, there are performances—usually a series of pas de deux—by big-name dancers from around the world. This year’s roster includes Michaela DePrince, formerly of Dance Theatre of Harlem, now of Dutch National Ballet, and Xander Parish, of the Mariinsky.

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