



YAGP Houston, TX February 9 - 11, 2018

Regional Semi-Final

Tour Guide

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Youth America Grand Prix 19th competition season. Below, you will find a preliminary timeline to help you plan your schedule, and venue information, in order to help you choose the right Semi-Final location for you.

TIMELINE

Please note that the posted timeline is NOT FINAL, and is only meant to give you an idea of how each particular semi-final will be structured. For example, the Semi-Final usually begins with the pre-competitive group performances, followed by junior groups, senior groups and ensembles. Workshops are usually planned to take place on Sunday morning, but in some larger venues we cannot always hold workshops for all participants simultaneously, and in those cases we may move some of the classes to Saturday or Friday. In some cases, depending on the availability of the studio and theater space, we may accommodate additional participants by making adjustments to the timeline. In this case, the timeline will state that additional dates are "pending". If you do not see this, it means the venue has no more available time, and will not accommodate any participants beyond the standard registered number. If you see a "pending" date for your venue of choice, **we strongly suggest that you contact the YAGP Regional office before making any final travel arrangements.** Each semi-finalist is invited to participate in one workshop, consisting of three classes. Closer to the event, the master classes will be divided up by age and/or performance, at the discretion of the YAGP regional team. For example, sometimes the classes are split by age (12-14, for example) or sometimes by Soloist/Ensemble. For those semi-finals that are starting earlier in the week, on Thursday, classes will be held earlier as well, on Friday and/or Saturday.

The breakdown will be made clear in the final timeline and detailed schedule. The first draft of the updated timeline with a detailed schedule will be posted after the registration cut-off date, about five-to-six weeks prior to each semi-final. The final timeline will be posted 7 - 10 days before the event.

VENUE

Here you will find details about all Semi-Final event facilities, including theaters and studios. The number of seats in the theater can be used as a good indicator of the size of the event -- the smaller the size of the auditorium, the more limited the capacity of the event, and vice versa. Semi-finals that take place later in the season usually get more crowded. In all cases, we recommend registering early to ensure participation in your preferred venue.

Best of luck this season, and please do not hesitate to send all your additional questions to regional@yagp.org.

All the best,

The YAGP Team

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Preliminary Timeline

Registration begins 2 hours before your Competition Time.

Thursday, February 8, 2018:

Competition (Pending)

Depending on the number of students registered.

Cullen Performance Hall

4 PM - 10 PM

Friday, February 9, 2018:

Competition

Cullen Performance Hall

9 AM – 10 PM

Saturday, February 10, 2018:

Competition

Cullen Performance Hall

9 AM – 8 PM

Awards Ceremony

9 PM – 10 PM

Sunday, February 11, 2018:

Master Classes

Houston Ballet Academy

10 AM – 2:30 PM

- Please note this schedule is Tentative and Subject to Change
- The first draft of the Timeline will be posted 5 - 6 weeks before the Event
- The final Timeline will be posted 10-14 days before the Event.

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Important Information

About the Venue:

The historic Cullen Performance Hall is located on the campus of University of Houston, less than 15 minutes drive from Houston's downtown area. Master Classes will take place at Houston Ballet's state-of-the-art facilities, featuring some of the largest and best-equipped studios in the country. The studios are well located in the very heart of Houston's Theater District. This is a great semi-final venue choice for those who are planning to fly: the Houston Airport is one of the biggest hubs in the country and has many convenient, connecting flights from virtually anywhere.

Theater:

Theater: Cullen Performance Hall

Address: University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX 77004

Stage Size: 36' X 30'

Auditorium Size: 1,531 seats

Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within a short walking distance from Theater

Parking: Welcome Center Garage, 4810 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX \$10/day cash only



Studios:

Studios: Houston Ballet Academy

Address: 601 Preston St, Houston, TX 77002

Parking: Street parking free of charge



Hotel:

Hilton at University of Houston: ★★★

Address: 4450 University Drive, Houston, TX, 77204

Rate: \$149 per night

Booking Reservations: More information coming soon



Distances:

Distance between theater and studios: 6 miles, approximately 15 minute drive

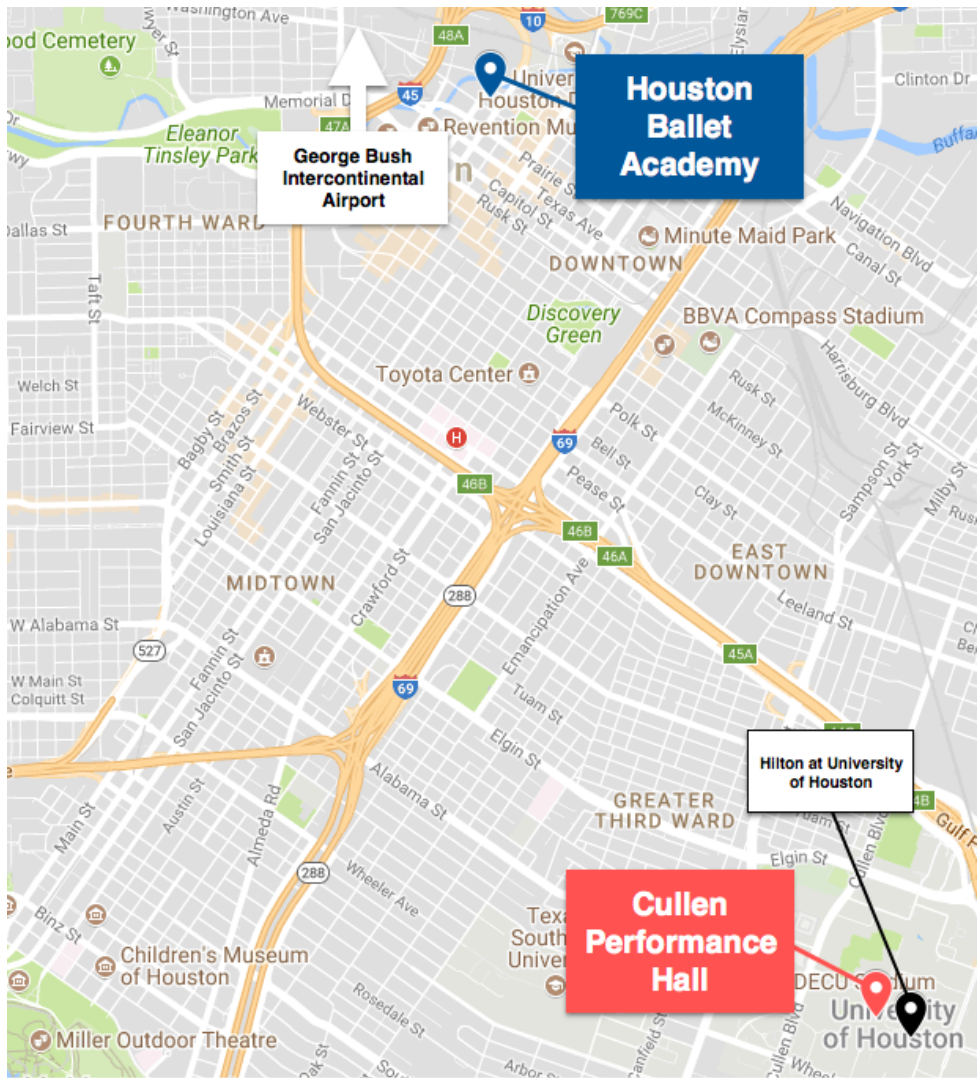
Distance from airport to theater: 24 miles, approximately 30 minute drive

Distance from airport to studios: 22 miles, approximately 25 minute drive

Distance from airport to hotel: 24 miles, approximately 30 minute drive

Distance from hotel to theater: 0.1 miles, approximately 3 minute walk

Distance from hotel to studios: 4.8 miles, approximately 15 minute drive



**George Bush
Intercontinental
Airport**

**Houston
Ballet
Academy**

**Hilton at University
of Houston**

**Cullen
Performance
Hall**