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. 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
Important Information

About the Venue:
For the first time ever, by popular demand, we added a semifinal in New York City. Please note: the semi-final dates include Monday and Tuesday, which had to be added because of space availability. This is why this semi-final schedule is a little different, with master classes on Sunday, and performances on Monday and Tuesday. We are aware of school schedules and will do our best to make sure that all participants’ school absences are down to a minimum, for instance all Juniors will perform on Monday only, and all Seniors on Tuesday only. Ensembles will be performing during the evening hours. All performances will take place at the Symphony Space Peter J. Sharp Theatre, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The professional theater has an onsite cafe, and a variety of dining and entertainment options close by. Master Classes will take place in one of our partner studios in Manhattan.

Theater:
Theater: Symphony Space
Address: 2537 Broadway, New York, NY 10025
Peter Jay Sharp Theatre Auditorium Stage Size: 65'9"Wx38'9"D
Leonard Nimoy Thalia Theatre Auditorium Stage Size: 19' wide (at apron) x 11’ deep
Peter Jay Sharp Theatre Auditorium Size: 760
Leonard Nimoy Thalia Theatre Auditorium Size: 172
Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within a short walking distance from Theater
Parking: Two parking garages located just east of our theatre on 95th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.
Public transportation: 1, 2, 3 trains to 96 St station. M96, M106 buses to West 96 St/Broadway stop, M104 bus to Broadway/West 93 St or Broadway/West 97 St stops
Studios:

Hunter College Studios
Website: [http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/dance/welcome-page](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/dance/welcome-page)
Address: 930 Lexington Avenue, 6th Floor, (between East 68th and East 69th Street), New York, NY 10065.
Telephone: 212-772-5012
Parking: iPark, 80 E 67th St, New York, NY 10065, [ipark.com](http://ipark.com), (212) 472-2596, $40 up to 2 hours, $50 up to 10 hours
Public transportation: 6 train to 68 St Station, M98, M101, M102, M103 buses to Lexington Ave/East 68 St Stop
Hotel:

Sheraton Times Square Hotel (NYC) ★★★★

Standing on Seventh Avenue between 52nd and 53rd Streets, this iconic hotel is conveniently located a short walking distance to the Lincoln Center.

Address: 811 7th Ave, New York, NY 10019
Website: http://www.sheratonnewyork.com/?SWAQ=958P
YAGP Special Rate: $199 per night
Distance from Theater (Symphony Space): 2.7 miles, 17 minute drive, 16 minute subway ride.
Distance from Studios: 1.4 miles, 13 minute drive, 13 minute subway ride
Parking: N/A
Breakfast: available in lobby and nearby
WiFi: complimentary
Shuttle: N/A
Book By: January 24, 2018
Reservation method: Please call 1-866-627-7067 or Book your special YAGP rate now

Hotel Restaurant:

Hudson Market - $$, on site
Hours of Operation: Please check the website for the hours
Website: http://www.sheratonnewyork.com/restaurants-in-nyc
Meals Served: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cuisine: American
Phone Number: +1 (212) 841-6551

Link Cafe and Bar - $$, on site
Hours of Operation: Please check the website for the hours
Meals Served: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cuisine: American
Phone Number: +1 (212) 841-6551

**Public transportation:**

B, D, E trains to 7 Ave station
1 train to 50 Street station
N, R, W trains to 49 Street station
M7, M20, M104 buses to 7 Ave/West 53 St Stop

**Distances:**

Distance from hotel (Sheraton Times Square) to airport (LaGuardia): 7.2 miles, approximately 45 minute drive
Distance from hotel (Sheraton Times Square) to airport (JFK): 16.4 miles, approximately 1 hour drive, 1 hour subway ride
Distance from hotel (Sheraton Time Square) to airport (Newark): 16.6 miles, approximately 52 minute drive
Distance from hotel (Sheraton Times Square) to airport (Westchester Airport): 34.2 miles, approximately 51 minute drive
Distance between theater and studios: 2.7 miles, approximately 16 minute drive.
Distance from Hotel to Theater (Symphony Space): 2.7 miles, 17 minute drive, 16 minute subway ride.
Distance from Hotel to Studios: 1.4 miles, 13 minute drive, 13 minute subway ride
Dining:

Theater - nearby lunch options:

**SUBWAY** - $, 390 ft away
- **Hours of Operation:** Mon to Fri 7:00 AM - 1:00 AM, Sat 7:00 AM - 12:00 AM, Sun 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM
- **Website:** [https://order.subway.com/Cart/Menu2.aspx](https://order.subway.com/Cart/Menu2.aspx)
- **Cuisine:** Sandwiches
- **Address:** 2508 Broadway, New York, NY 10025
- **Phone Number:** (212) 665-6700

**Lenwich** - $, 0.1 miles away
- **Hours of Operation:** Mon to Fri 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Sat & Sun 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- **Website:** [http://lenwich.com/stores#upper-west-96th-st](http://lenwich.com/stores#upper-west-96th-st)
- **Cuisine:** Sandwiches
- **Address:** 2567 Broadway, New York, NY 10025
- **Phone Number:** (212) 866-1878

**Le Pain Quotidien** - $$$, 0.2 miles away
- **Hours of Operation:** Mon to Fri 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Sat & Sun 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- **Website:** [http://www.lepainquotidien.com/store/west-91st/#_WYomodPytE4](http://www.lepainquotidien.com/store/west-91st/#_WYomodPytE4)
- **Cuisine:** Sandwiches
Address: 2463 Broadway, New York, NY 10025  
Phone Number: (212) 769-8879

**Hot & Crust**y - $$, 0.3 miles away  
**Hours of Operation:** 24/7  
**Website:**  
**Cuisine:** Bakery, cafe, deli  
Address: 2393 Broadway, New York, NY 10024  
Phone Number: (212) 877-7714

**Columbus Cafe** - $, 0.7 miles away  
**Hours of Operation:** Daily 5:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
**Website:** http://columbuscafeny.com/  
**Cuisine:** Sandwiches  
Address: 556 Columbus Ave, New York, NY 10024  
Phone Number: (212) 721-9040

**Studios - nearby lunch options:**

**Bel ami Cafe** - $$, 0.1 mile away  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri 7am - 6:30pm, Sat-Sun 8am - 6pm  
**Website:** belamicafeny.com  
**Cuisine:** Cafe  
Address: 30 E 68th St, New York, NY 10065  
Phone: (212) 737-1313

**Corrado Bread and Pastry** - $$, 0.2 miles away  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri 7am - 8pm, Sat 8am - 7pm, Sun 9am - 7pm  
**Website:** corradobreadandpastry.com  
**Cuisine:** Cafe  
Address: 960 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10021  
Phone: (212) 774-1904

**Neil's Coffee Shop** - $, 0.2 miles away  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri 6am - 9pm, Sat-Sun 8am - 6pm  
**Website:** neilscoffeeshop.com  
**Cuisine:** Cafe  
Address: 961 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10021  
Phone: (212) 628-7474

**Sheraton Hotel - nearby restaurants:**

**Pret A Manger** - $$, 276 feet away  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Thu 6am - 11pm, Fri 6am - 12am, Sat 7am - 12am, Sun 7am - 10pm  
**Website:** pret.com  
**Cuisine:** Cafe  
Address: 787 7th Ave, New York, NY 10019  
Phone: (212) 262-2328
Cafe Metro - $$, 322 feet away
Hours of Operation: Daily 6am - 9pm
Website: cafemetroney.com
Cuisine: Cafe
Address: 839 7th Ave, New York, NY 10019
Phone: (212) 586-2626

Starbucks - $$, 397 feet away
Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 5:30am - 8pm, Sat-Sun 7am - 7pm
Website: starbucks.com
Cuisine: Coffee shop
Address: 156 W 52nd St, New York, NY 10019
Phone: (212) 245-6479