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
About the Venue:
Lovingly called “the art & soul” of the San Diego community, the professional California Escondido Center for the Arts complex hosts concerts & performances, museum exhibits, education programs & special event venues. This event is very convenient, with all competition events at the same location, and free parking available onsite. There are a few restaurant options nearby, but most hotels are located a drive away. The San Diego airport is located 32 miles away, so this venue is better-suited for participants who are driving in.

Theater:
Theaters: Concert Hall and the Center Theater, California Center for the Arts, Escondido
Website: http://artcenter.org/tour/concert-hall/
Address: 340 N Escondido Blvd, Escondido, CA 92025
Center Theater Stage Size: 45’ X 47’
Concert Hall Stage Size: 68’ X 47’
Center Theater Auditorium Size: 400
Concert Hall Auditorium Size: 1,523
Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within a short walking distance from Theater
Parking: Onsite, free of charge

Concert Hall

Center Theater

Studios:
Studios: Conveniently located within Escondido Center for the Arts
Address: 340 N Escondido Blvd, Escondido, CA 92025
Parking: Onsite, free of charge
Hotel:
Best Western Escondido ★★★
Address: 1700 7 Oaks Rd, Escondido, CA 92026
YAGP Special Rate: 02/15/18 rate is $90, 02/16/2018 - 02/17/2018 $105
Distance from Theater/Studios: 3.3 miles, approximately 10 minute drive
Parking: complimentary
Breakfast: complimentary
WiFi: complimentary
Shuttle: n/a
Book by: TBA
Reservation method: Please call (760) 740-1700 and mention YAGP to receive the special rate.
Distances:
Distance between theater and studios: Located on the same campus
Distance from airport to theater and studios: 33 miles approximately 40 minute drive
Distance from airport to hotel: 35 miles, approximately 40 minute drive
Distance from hotel to theater and studios: 3.3 miles, approximately 10 minute drive

Dining:
Theater/studio - nearby lunch options:

Arby's - $, 0.6 miles away
Hours of Operation: Daily 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Cuisine: Sandwiches
Address: 320 W Mission Ave, Escondido, CA 92025
Phone Contact: (760) 747-1290

SUBWAY - $, 0.6 miles away
Website: [https://order.subway.com/Cart/Menu2.aspx](https://order.subway.com/Cart/Menu2.aspx)
Hours of Operation: Daily 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Cuisine: Sandwiches
Address: 331 W Mission Ave Suite A, Escondido, CA 92025
Phone Contact: (760) 747-7601
Firehouse Subs - $, 1.0 miles away
Website: https://www.firehousesubs.com/locations/ca/escondido-gateway-center/
Hours of Operation: Daily 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Cuisine: Sandwiches
Address: 880 W Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025
Phone Contact: (760) 747-7827

In-N-Out Burger - $, 1.5 miles away
Website: http://locations.in-n-out.com/247
Hours of Operation: Sun to Thu 10:30 AM - 1:00 AM, Fri & Sat 10:30 AM - 1:30 AM
Cuisine: Burgers
Address: 1260 W Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92029
Phone Contact: (800) 786-1000

Which Wich Superior Sandwiches - $, 1.7 miles away
Website: https://www.whichwich.com/
Hours of Operation: Daily 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Cuisine: Sandwiches
Address: 1264 S Auto Pkwy D, Escondido, CA 92029
Phone Contact: (760) 294-8247

Hotel - nearby restaurants:

Lourdes - $, 0.1 miles away
Website: N/A
Hours of Operation: Mon to Sat 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Sun 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Cuisine: Mexican
Address: 615 W El Norte Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92026
Phone Contact: (760) 746-1389

Killer Pizza from Mars - $$, 0.3 miles away
Website: http://killerpizzafrommars.com/
Hours of Operation: Sun to Thu 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM, Fri & Sat 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Cuisine: Pizzeria
Address: 1040 W El Norte Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92026
Phone Contact: (760) 741-6277

Chicken Lisa's - $, 0.8 miles away
Website: http://www.chickenlisa.com/
Hours of Operation: Sun to Thu 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Fri & Sat 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Cuisine: Mexican
Address: 555 W Country Club Ln, Escondido, CA 92026
Phone Contact: (760) 291-8319

Ali Baba Mediterranean Cuisine Escondido - $$, 1.5 miles away
Website: http://abcuisine.com/
Hours of operation: Sun to Thu 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Fri & Sat 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Cuisine: Middle Eastern, Mediterranean
Address: 201 W Mission Ave, Escondido, CA 92025
Phone contact: (760) 233-8717
Kinaly Thai Restaurant - $$, 2.7 miles away
Website: http://www.kinalythaisanmarcos.com/
Hours of operation: Daily 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Cuisine: Thai
Address: 1220 E Mission Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069
Phone contact: (760) 480-9113