



## Youth America Grand Prix 2017

### **THIS EVENT IS IN THE PAST!**

- **WHEN** Multiple dates from Feb 9 - Feb 12, 2017 [[days & times](#)]
  - **WHERE** [California Center for the Arts: Escondido](#), 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA  
[Map](#) | [Website](#)
  - **AGES** Not available
  - **COST** Free - \$5
- [Youth America Grand Prix](#) (YAGP) is an internationally-renowned ballet and contemporary dance competition that awards scholarships - and even jobs - to the best dancers.

If this competition sounds familiar, it's because it was featured in the popular documentary "[First Position](#)," which followed some now-famous dancers - including [Miko Fogarty](#) and [Michaela DePrince](#) - on their journey to being discovered.

It's also how North County dancer, [Scout Forsythe](#), got the attention of New York's [American Ballet Theatre](#), where she is now in the company's [Corps de Ballet](#). Forsythe won [first place](#) in the 2013 semi-finals in Paris.

YAGP makes a semi-finals stop in San Diego **Thursday, Feb. 9 through Sunday, Feb. 12** and will feature hundreds of local and regional dancers vying for a spot to compete in the New York finals.

Only 300 dancers from around the world make it to the New York event in April. Since forming in 1999, YAGP has awarded over \$2 million in scholarships to leading dance schools, and over 250 YAGP alumni are now dancing with companies including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet and many others.

For the San Diego event, the general public is invited to watch the semi-finals. This is a low-cost, fun way to catch famous ballet variations from shows like "Giselle," "Paquita," "Swan Lake" and many more.

Tickets are free for anyone under age 21, or \$5 cash at the door.



Above: A photo of YAGP 2016 second place winner, Thays Golz. Courtesy of YAGP.



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