



Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Youth America Grand Prix 18th Season.

Below, you will find a preliminary timeline to help you plan your schedule, and venue information 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 in reverse order. Each participant will take one workshop, consisting of three classes. Ensemble participants take workshops according to their age group.

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.

VENUE

Here you will find details about all Semi-Final event facilities including theater and studios. As a general rule, 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 event.

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

The YAGP Team

TAMPA, FL (JANUARY 6-8, 2017)

YAGP will kick off the 2017 US Regional Season by returning to The David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, a state-of-the-art facility located in beautiful downtown Tampa. The event is extremely convenient, with all competition events under one roof, and rehearsal space near the stage. The Straz Center is within walking distance from several hotels and restaurants.

YAGP is proud of its continued collaboration with The David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, to present its signature gala, "Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow" featuring YAGP 2017 Tampa Semi-Finalists, alongside professional dancers from top US and international ballet companies. The Gala will take place on Saturday, January 7th and tickets for the event will be on sale through the Straz Center website, closer to the date of the event.

Friday, January 6, 2017:

Competition

David A. Straz, JR. Center for the
Performing Arts – Ferguson Hall
10 AM – 10 PM

Saturday, January 7, 2017:

Competition

David A. Straz, JR. Center for the Performing
Arts – Morsani Hall
9 AM – 6 PM

Master Classes

The Patel Conservatory
Workshop 1: 12 PM - 5 PM

YAGP GALA: "Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow"

David A. Straz, JR. Center for the Performing Arts – Ferguson Hall, 7 PM

TICKETS NOW ON SALE at [David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts](http://www.strazcenter.com)

Sunday, January 8, 2017:

Competition

David A. Straz, JR. Center for the Performing
Arts – Ferguson Hall
10 AM – 3 PM

Master Classes

The Patel Conservatory
Workshop 2: 10 AM - 3 PM

Awards Ceremony

4 PM – 5 PM

Theater: David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts

Address: 1010 North W.C. MacInnes Pl. Tampa, FL, 33602

Ferguson Hall Stage size: 40' x 30'

Ferguson Hall Auditorium size: 1,042 seats

Morsani Hall Stage size: 60' x 45'

Morsani Hall Auditorium size: 2,610 seats

Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within walking distance

Parking: Several options available: most economical option - \$5/day at The Barrymore Hotel Tampa across the street; \$7/day at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts

Studios: The Patel Conservatory

Distance between theater and studio: The studios and theatre are located at the same building.

Please keep in mind: this year, because of the NCAA Championship Game taking place on Monday, January 9th in Tampa, the hotel availability is severely limited. Please check back closer to the date, because there is a big chance that some hotels will release rooms for sale.

WE HAVE SECURED A LIMITED BLOCK OF ROOMS AT THE FOLLOWING HOTELS:

Floridan Hotel ★★★★★

Address: 905 N Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33602

YAGP Special Rate: \$129 (Currently, the contracted room block is full, and rate is based on availability)

Distance from Theater/Studios: 0.3 miles approximately 7 minute walk

Parking: free

Breakfast: buffet \$15

WiFi: complimentary

Shuttle: N/A

Book by: 30 days prior

Reserve today: (813) 225-1700

Hotel Restaurant: Crystal Dining Room

Hours of Operation: 11:00- 2:00 PM

Meals Served: Lunch and Dinner

Cuisine: American, Mediterranean

Phone Contact: 1 (813) 225-1700

Nearby Restaurants:

Si-Am - \$\$, 0.1 miles away

Cuisine: Thai

713 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602

(813) 229-9710

Anise Global Gastrobar - \$\$, .2 miles away

Cuisine: American
777 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 225-4272

Tampa Pizza Company - \$\$, .2 miles away

Cuisine: Pizza
777 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 223-5800

Paninoteca - \$\$, .2 miles away

Cuisine: Sandwiches, Mediterranean
519 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 341-2525

First Watch - \$, .2 miles away

Cuisine: Breakfast, Brunch
520 Tampa Street, Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 307-9006

The Barrymore Hotel Tampa Riverwalk ★★★

Address: 111 W Fortune St. Tampa, FL 33602

YAGP Special Rate: \$119

Distance from Theater/Studios: 413 ft, approximately 2 minute walk

Parking: \$10 per night

Breakfast: at restaurant

WiFi: complimentary

Shuttle: transports within 2 miles

Book by: December 22, 2016

Reserve today: (813) 223-1351

Hotel Restaurant: Waterworks Bar and Grill

Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM-11:00 AM, 4:00 PM-midnight

Meals Served: Breakfast, Dinner

Cuisine: American

Phone Contact: (813) 223-1351

Nearby Restaurants:

Maestro's at the Straz Center - \$\$\$, 0.09 miles away

Cuisine: American
1010 N W C MacInnes Plz, Tampa, FL 33602

(813) 222-1078

Anise Global Gastrobar - \$\$, 0.3 miles away

Cuisine: American

777 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602

(813) 225-4272

Tampa Pizza Company - \$\$, 0.3 miles away

Cuisine: Pizza

777 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602

(813) 223-5800

Paninoteca - \$\$, 0.4 miles away

Cuisine: Sandwiches, Mediterranean

519 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602

(813) 341-2525

Cafe Hey - \$, 0.4 miles away

Cuisine: Breakfast, Brunch

1540 N Franklin St, Tampa, FL 33602

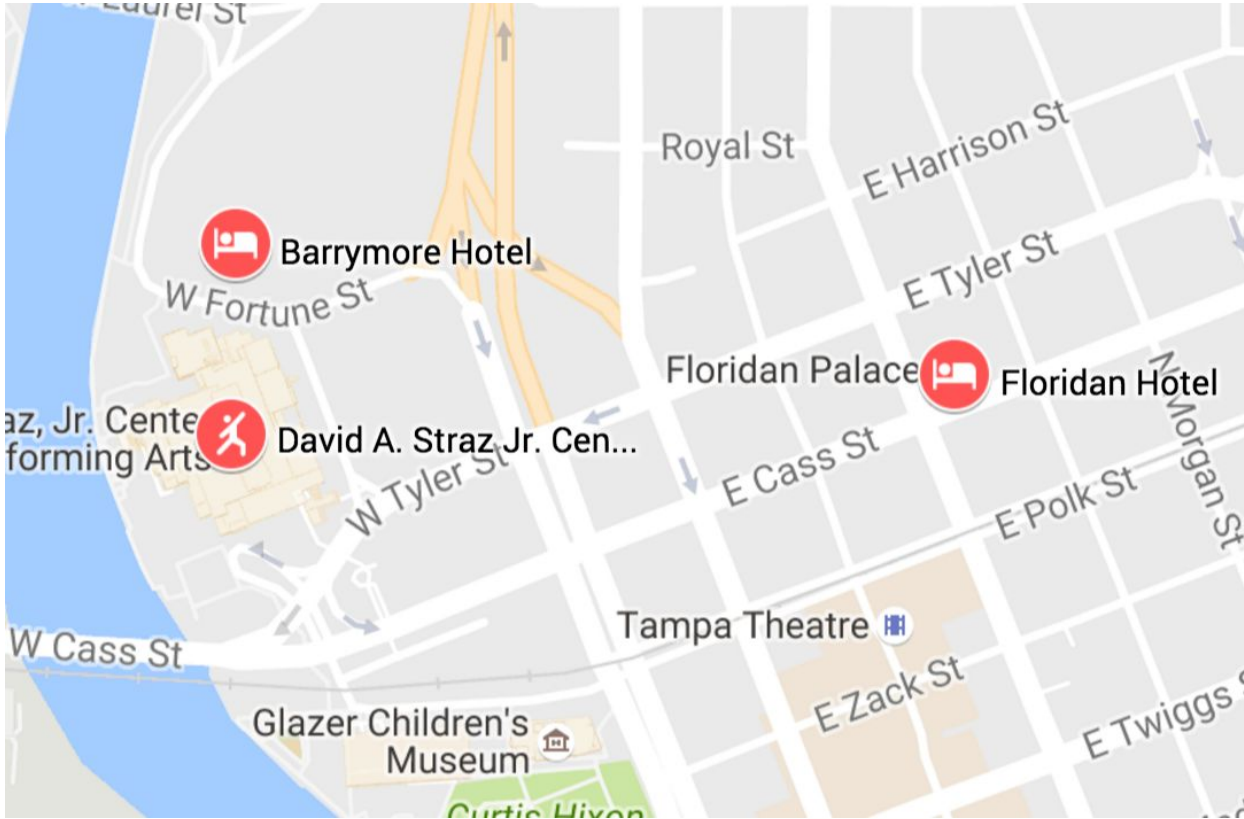
(813) 221-5150

Distance from airport to theater: 8.5 miles approximately 15 minute drive

Distance from airport to Floridan Hotel: 8.4 miles approximately 20 minute drive

Distance from airport to Barrymore Hotel: 8.2 miles approximately 12 minute drive

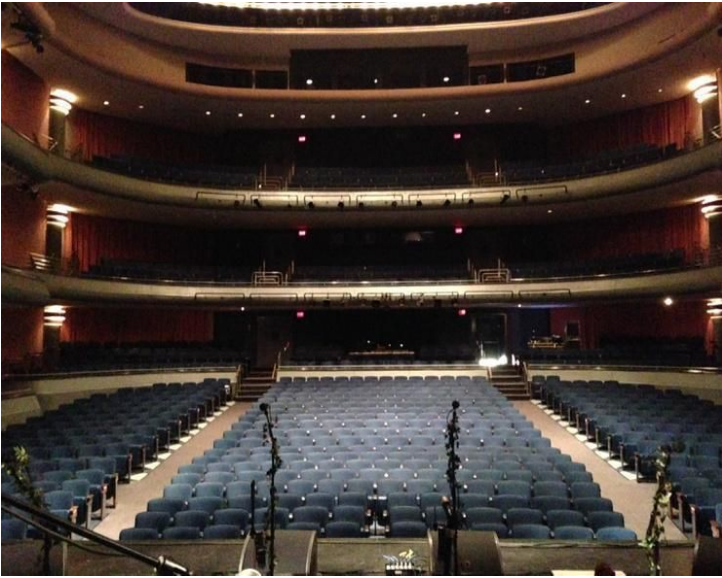
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David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts



Ferguson Hall



Morsani Hall

