



YAGP 20th Anniversary Season Regional Semi-Final Tour Guide

YAGP Houston, TX - February 14 - 17 2019

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Youth America Grand Prix 20th anniversary 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 usually take place differently in each venue, depending on the size of the group and the location. Depending on additional availability of studio and theater space, we may accommodate additional participants from the waiting list, by making adjustments to the timeline and adding an additional day to the competition. 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 only accommodate a set number of participants.

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.

We strongly suggest that you only finalize travel arrangements after the first draft of the updated schedule has been posted, five to six weeks before the event.

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.

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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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. There is a hotel close to campus, but please keep in mind that it has limited availability. 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

Website: <http://www.uh.edu/cullen-performance-hall/>

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, [4400 University Dr, Houston, TX 77204](http://www.uh.edu/welcome-center-garage/) \$10/day cash only, roughly 8 minute walk to Cullen Performance Hall



Studios:

Studios: Houston Ballet Academy

Address: 601 Preston St, Houston, TX 77002

Website: <https://www.houstonballet.org/>

Parking: Street parking free of charge. For additional parking options, see Houston Ballet's [Plan Your Visit Page](#)



Hotels:

Hotel: Aloft Houston Downtown Hotel

Address: 820 Fannin St. Houston, TX 77002

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/houdw-aloft-houston-downtown/>

YAGP Special Rate: \$159

Distance from Theater: 4.4 miles, approximately 15 minute drive

Distance from Studios: 0.6 miles, approximately 5-minute drive or 15-minute walk

Parking: Street parking available

Breakfast: Per item Grab-N-Go

WiFi: complimentary

Book By: January 15, 2019

Reservation method: Call 713-225-0200 and mention the YAGP Group to reserve your stay

Hotel: Hilton at the University of Houston ★★★★★

Address: 4450 University Dr, Houston, TX 77204

Website: www.hilton.com

YAGP Special Rate: \$149

Distance from Theater: 0.2 miles, approximately 5 minute walk

Distance from Studios: 5 miles, approximately 15 minute drive

Parking: \$15 per night

Breakfast: restaurant on-site

WiFi: complimentary

Book By: THIS HOTEL ROOM BLOCK IS **SOLD OUT**

Reservation method: [Book your group stay with Youth America Grand Prix](#) or call +1-832-531-6300 and mention the YAGP Group

Hotel Restaurant

Eric's - \$\$-\$\$\$\$, on-site

Hours of Operation: 6:30 AM-10:00 PM

Website: <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-university-of-houston-HOUUHHF/dining/index.html>

Meals Served: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cuisine: American

Phone Contact: (832) 531-6300



YAGP 2019 Houston, TX
Preliminary Timeline
(As of 1/15/19)

Thursday, February 14, 2019:

Competition

Cullen Performance Hall
9 AM – 10:00 PM

Friday, February 15, 2019:

Competition

Cullen Performance Hall
9 AM – 10 PM

Master Classes

Houston Ballet Academy
3:30 PM – 8 PM

Saturday, February 16, 2019:

Competition

Cullen Performance Hall
9 AM – 7:30 PM

Awards Ceremony

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Master Classes

Houston Ballet Academy
4 PM – 8 PM

Sunday, February 17, 2019:

Master Classes

Houston Ballet Academy
10 AM – 7 PM

- **Registration begins 1.5 hours before your Competition Time.**
- **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.**

Dining

Restaurants near studios, theatres, and hotels can be found by using [yelp.com](https://www.yelp.com) or [google.com/maps](https://www.google.com/maps) and entering the address of the venue.

Distances:

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

Distance from airport to theater: 25 miles, approximately 30 minute drive

Distance from airport to studios: 20 miles, approximately 25 minute drive

Distance from airport to hotel: 25 miles, approximately 30 minute drive

Distance from hotel to theater: 0.2 miles, approximately 5 minute walk

Distance from hotel to studios: 5 miles, approximately 15 minute drive

