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
Important Information

About the Venue:
The Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall is a professional theater with a spacious lobby and an expansive stage, located on the campus of University of Nevada, Las Vegas, very close to the Las Vegas strip. Participants will find this semi-final convenient, due to all events taking place on the same campus. This is a great choice of venue for those who are planning to fly: the Las Vegas Airport accepts flights from most points around the country, and it is a very short distance from the airport to the theater. Las Vegas has many great choices of hotels and restaurants, many located within a short distance of the venue. The city also features a plethora of entertainment options for the whole family.

Theater:
Theater: Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, UNLV
Address: 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy. Las Vegas, NV 89154
Website: [https://www.unlv.edu/maps/hch](https://www.unlv.edu/maps/hch)
Please keep in mind: The address listed for the theater and studios is the main address of the University campus. To locate the theater via a navigation system, please enter the exact name: “Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall.”
Stage Size: 55’ x 45’
Auditorium Size: 1,832 seats
Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within a short distance from Theater
Parking: Available at the University Garage for $2/hour or $10/day. Lot A will be the closest parking garage to Artemus W Ham Concert Hall, whose physical address is [Lot A, Las Vegas, NV 89154](https://www.unlv.edu/maps/hch).

Studios:
Studios: Alta Ham Fine Arts (HFA) & Paul McDermott Physical Education Complex (MPE), UNLV; 2 & 7 minute walks from Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, respectively.
Address: 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy. Las Vegas, NV 89154
Parking: Available at the University Garage for $2/hour or $10/day. Lot A will be the closest parking garage to Artemus W Ham Concert Hall, whose physical address is [Lot A, Las Vegas, NV 89154](https://www.unlv.edu/maps/hch).
Hotel:
Embassy Suites Las Vegas ★★★
Address: 4315 Swenson St, Las Vegas, NV 89119
YAGP Special Rate: $129 per night
Distance from theater: 7 miles, about 15-minute drive
Distance from studios: 15 miles, about 20-minute drive
Parking: $5 overnight
Breakfast: complimentary
WiFi: complimentary
Shuttle: to/from the Las Vegas Strip
Book by: January 9, 2019
Reservation method: Call the hotel directly, 702-795-2800 and mention the YAGP group block

Dining
For a list of restaurants in the area, please click HERE. We also suggest using yelp.com or google.com/maps and entering the address of the venue.
YAGP 2019 Las Vegas, NV
Preliminary Timeline

Thursday, February 7, 2019:

Compitetion
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
12 PM – 10 PM

Friday, February 8, 2019:

Compitetion
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
9 AM – 10 PM
Pending
Master Classes
University of Nevada Studios
Evening

Saturday, February 9, 2019:

Compitetion
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
9 AM – 10 PM
Master Classes
University of Nevada Studios
Throughout the day

Sunday, February 10, 2019:

Compitetion
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
9 AM – 2 PM
Master Classes
University of Nevada Studios
10 AM – 2:30 PM
Awards Ceremony
3 PM – 4 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.
Distances:
Distance between theater and studios: Located on the same campus
Distance from airport to theater and studios: 1 mile, approximately 3 minute drive
Distance from airport to hotel: 1.7 miles, about 6 minute drive
Distance from hotel to theater: 2.3 miles, about 10 minute drive
Distance from hotel to studios: 1.5 miles, about 5 minute drive