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. Semiinals 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:
The Semi-Final performances will take place at the Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts, an intimate theater inside the William Penn Charter School, located in a residential area about 7 miles from the Philadelphia city center. Master Classes will take place at the spacious, state-of-the-art facilities of the Rock School for Dance Education. Historically, this has been one of our most competitive U.S. semi-final locations, that consistently produces top finalists at YAGP Finals.

Theater:
Theater: William Penn Charter School, Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts  
Address: 3000 West School House Lane Philadelphia, PA 19144  
Stage size: 35' x 35'  
Auditorium size: 650  
Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within a short walking distance from the Theater  
Parking: Onsite, free of charge

Studios:  
Studios: The Rock School for Dance Education  
Website: [https://www.therockschool.org/](https://www.therockschool.org/)  
Address: 1101 South Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19147  
Parking: On the Street - we recommend allowing extra time to find a parking spot. Additionally, The Rock School Parking structure recently opened. It is located at 1225 Washington Avenue for $5/day.  
Lunch: Lunch is available at the school à la carte
Hotel:
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue: ★★★
Address: 4200 City Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131
YAGP Special Rate: $119
Distance from Theater: 3 miles, approximately 10 minutes drive
Distance from Studios: 8 miles, approximately 25 minutes drive
Parking: $5 self-parking, $10 valet parking
Breakfast: $15.50 per person
WiFi: complimentary for Hilton Honors members
Shuttle: N/A
Book By: 02/07/19
Reservation method: Call 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667) or Book Online to receive the YAGP Group rate

Hotel Restaurant
Delmonico's Steakhouse - $$, on site
Hours of Operation: Thur & Fri 6:30 AM-10:00 PM, Sat & Sun 7:00 AM-11:00 AM
Website:
Meals Served: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cuisine: American
Phone Number: (215) 969-3000

Polo Lounge - $$, on site
Hours of Operation: Thur & Sun 11:00 AM-12:00 AM, Fri & Sat 11:00 AM-1:00 AM
Website:
Meals Served: Lunch, Dinner
Cuisine: American
Phone Number: (215) 969-3000

Dining:
Restaurants near studios, theatres, and hotels can be found by using yelp.com or google.com/maps and entering the address of the venue.
Thursday, February 28, 2019:

- **Competition**
  - Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts
  - 5 PM – 10 PM

Friday, March 1, 2019:

- **Competition**
  - Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts
  - 6 PM – 10 PM
- **Pending**
- **Master Classes**
  - The Rock School for Dance Education
  - 3 PM - 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 2, 2019:

- **Competition**
  - Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts
  - 10 AM – 8:30 PM
- **Master Classes**
  - The Rock School for Dance Education
  - Throughout the Day

Sunday, March 3, 2019:

- **Competition**
  - Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts
  - 11 AM – 2 PM
- **Awards Ceremony**
  - 5 PM – 6 PM
- **Master Classes**
  - The Rock School for Dance Education
  - 10 AM – 3:30 PM

- Due to auditorium size, there will be limited audience capacity for the Awards Ceremony - teachers and 1 parent per child rule will apply
- Due to limited size of the theater, there will be a limit on the number of Ensembles registering for this location
- 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: 9 miles, approximately 20 minutes driving
Distance from airport to theater: 15 miles, approximately 25 minutes driving
Distance from airport to studios: 8 miles, approximately 20 minutes driving
Distance from hotel to theater: 3 miles, approximately 10 minutes driving
Distance from hotel to studios: 8 miles, approximately 25 minutes driving
Distance from airport to hotel: 15 miles, approximately 20 minutes driving