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
About the Venue
Lovingly called “the art & soul” of the San Diego community, the professional California Escondido Center for the Arts complex hosts concerts & performances, museum exhibits, education programs & special event venues. This event is very convenient, with all competition events at the same location, and free parking available onsite. However, the campus is very large and the theaters and studios are scattered across campus. There are a few restaurant options nearby, but most hotels are located a drive away. The San Diego airport is located 32 miles away, so this venue is better-suited for participants who are driving in.

Theater:
Theaters: Concert Hall, California Center for the Arts, Escondido
Website: http://artcenter.org/tour/concert-hall/
Address: 340 N Escondido Blvd, Escondido, CA 92025
Concert Hall Stage Size: 68’ X 47’
Concert Hall Auditorium Size: 1,523
Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within a short walking distance from Theater
Parking: Onsite, free of charge

Concert Hall

Studios:
Studios: Conveniently located within Escondido Center for the Arts
Address: 340 N Escondido Blvd, Escondido, CA 92025
Parking: Onsite, free of charge
Hotel:
Best Western Escondido Hotel★★★
Address: 1700 7 Oaks Rd, Escondido, CA 92026
YAGP Special Rate: $116.99
Distance from Theater: 3.3 miles, about 8-minute drive
Distance from Studios: 3.3 miles, about 8-minute drive
Parking: included
Breakfast: included
WiFi: included
Shuttle: n/a
Book by: 02/08/2019
Reservation method: Call (760) 740-1700 or Book online to receive the special YAGP rate

EconoLodge Inn & Suites Escondido Downtown★★
Address: 515 W Washington Avenue, Escondido, CA, 92025, US
Website: https://www.choicehotels.com/california/escondido/econo-lodge-hotels/cae27
YAGP Special Rate: $76
Distance from Theater: 0.6 miles, about 2-minute drive
Distance from Studios: 0.6 miles, about 2-minute drive
Parking: included
Breakfast: included
WiFi: included
Shuttle: n/a
Book by: 2/28/2019
Reservation method: Call (623) 748-7681 or book online, using the code GR24W9 to receive the courtesy rate

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.
YAGP 2019 San Diego, CA
Preliminary Timeline

Thursday, March 7, 2019:

**Competition**
California Center for the Arts - Escondido Concert Hall
1 PM – 10 PM

Friday, March 8, 2019:

**Competition**
California Center for the Arts - Escondido Concert Hall
9 AM – 10:30 PM

**Master Classes**
3:30 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, March 9, 2019:

**Competition**
California Center for the Arts - Escondido Concert Hall
9 AM – 10 PM

**Master Classes**
Throughout the Day

Sunday, March 10, 2019:

**Competition**
California Center for the Arts - Escondido Concert Hall
9 AM – 6:30 PM

**Master Classes**
10 AM – 3 PM

**Awards Ceremony**
7:30 PM – 8:30 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: 33 miles approximately 40 minute drive
Distance from airport to hotel: 35 miles, approximately 40 minute drive
Distance from hotel to theater and studios: 3.3 miles, approximately 10 minute drive