



YAGP 20th Anniversary Season Regional Semi-Final Tour Guide

YAGP Tampa, FL - January 4 - 6, 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:

YAGP is thrilled to return to the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, a state-of-the-art facility located in beautiful downtown Tampa, close to many popular restaurants and sightseeing destinations. This is the only venue during the semi-final season that includes a Gala performance, featuring Tampa semi-final participants alongside some of today's most renowned ballet dancers in the YAGP Gala "Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow" on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. With all competition events under one roof, rehearsal space near the stage and several hotels and restaurants within a few minutes' walk from the theater complex, this is an ideal location for those who do not wish to drive during the event, and of air travelers, the Tampa International Airport offers many convenient connecting flights from virtually anywhere in the country. Keep in mind, that hotels tend to book up early -- we suggest booking in advance, and adjusting your reservation once you receive the updated draft of the final schedule.

Theater:

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

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

Website: <http://www.strazcenter.org/>

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: \$5/day at The Barrymore Hotel Tampa across the street; \$7/day at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts



Ferguson Hall

Morsani Hall



Studios:

Studios: The Patel Conservatory, located in the same building as the theaters

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

Website: <http://www.strazcenter.org/Arts-Education/Patel-Conservatory>

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

Hotels:

The Barrymore Hotel Tampa Riverwalk ★★★

Address: 111 W Fortune St. Tampa, FL 33602

Website: <http://www.barrymorehotel.com/>

YAGP Special Rate: \$128

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

Parking: \$10 per night

Breakfast: restaurant on site

WiFi: complimentary

Shuttle: within 2 miles

Book by: 12/3/2018

Reservation method: Please call (813) 223-1351 and mention YAGP to receive special group rate.

Hotel Restaurant

Waterworks Bar and Grill - \$\$, on site

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

Website: <http://www.waterworksbarandgrill.com/>

Meals Served: Breakfast, Dinner

Cuisine: American

Phone: (813) 223-1351



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.

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Preliminary Timeline

Thursday, January 3, 2019:

Pending

Depending on the number of students registered.

Competition

*Ferguson Hall at David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts
4 PM - 10 PM*

Friday, January 4, 2019:

Competition

Ferguson Hall at David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts
9 AM - 10 PM

Saturday, January 5, 2019:

Competition

Morsani Hall at David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts
9 AM - 6 PM

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

Ferguson Hall at David A. Straz, JR. Center for the Performing Arts
8 PM

Master Classes

The Patel Conservatory
Throughout the Day

Sunday, January 6, 2019:

Competition

Morsani Hall at David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts
9 AM - 3 PM

Awards Ceremony

Ferguson Hall at David A. Straz, JR. Center for the Performing Arts
4 PM - 5 PM

Master Classes

The Patel Conservatory
10 AM - 2:30 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 from airport to theater/studios: 8.5 miles approximately a 15-minute drive

Distance from airport to Barrymore hotel: 8.5 miles approximately a 15-minute drive

Distance from airport to Floridian hotel: 9 miles, approximately a 20-minute drive

Distance from hotel to theater/studios: 340 feet approximately a few minute walk

