



# YAGP 20th Anniversary Season Regional Semi-Final Tour Guide

## YAGP Toronto, Canada - March 8 - 10, 2019

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Youth America Grand Prix 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:regional@yagp.org).

All the best,

The YAGP Team

# YAGP 2019 Toronto, Canada

## Important Information

### About the Venue:

The competition will take place at the John Bassett Theatre, which is part of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, conveniently attached to the InterContinental hotel and located within walking distance to Toronto's main attractions, including the CN Tower. Master Classes will take place at the National Ballet of Canada studios, 2.2 kilometers away. The Metro Toronto Convention Centre has a food court with a variety of options for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Both the theater and the studios are located close to the Lake Ontario waterfront, with many restaurants, shopping and entertainment options in the area. Toronto has a lot of convenient flights and is great for those who wish to fly in and prefer not to drive, however please keep in mind that flights may be affected by the weather.

### Theater:

**Theater:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre John Bassett Theatre

**Address:** 255 Front Street West Toronto, Ontario M5V 2W6, Canada

**Website:** <https://www.mtccc.com/facility/rooms-and-spaces/theatre/>

**Stage Size:** 46' x 48'

**Auditorium Size:** 1,232

**Nearby restaurants:** A variety of options within a short walking distance

**Parking:** North Parking Lot \$25 per day, conveniently located within the same block as John Bassett Theatre



## Studios:

**Studios:** National Ballet of Canada

**Address:** 470 Queens Quay West, Toronto M5V 3K4, Canada

**Website:** <https://national.ballet.ca/>

**Distance from theater:** 2.2 km (1.5 mile) approximately 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk

**Parking:** Street parking



## Hotel:

**Intercontinental Toronto Centre** ★★★★★

**Address:** 225 Front Street West, Toronto, ON M5V 2X3, Canada

**Website:** <http://www.torontocentre.intercontinental.com>

**YAGP Special Rate:** 229 CDN (about \$179 USD)

**Distance from Theater:** located in the same building

**Distance from Studios:** 2.2 km (1.5 mile), approximately 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk

**Parking:** At the convention center at the north Parking Lot \$25 per day, address: 255 Front St W. Toronto, Ontario M5V 2W6

**Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast is available at the Azure restaurant for 29 CDN per person or at Simcoe Place (food court) at Starbucks and McDonald's.

**WiFi:** complimentary

**Shuttle:** n/a

**Book by:** 2/4/2019

**Reservation method:** Call 1-800-235-4670 and mention Youth America Grand Prix, or [Book Online](#) to receive the YAGP Group Rate.

**Hotel restaurant:**

**Azure** - \$\$, onsite

**Hours of Operation:** Mon - Sun 7:00 AM-10:00 PM (or 24-hour room service)

**Website:** <http://www.azurerestaurant.ca/>

**Meals Served:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Cuisine:** Canadian

**Phone Number:** (416) 597-8142



## Dining

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

# **YAGP 2019 Toronto, Canada**

## **Preliminary Timeline**

### ***Friday, March 8, 2019:***

#### **Competition**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre John Bassett Theatre  
10 AM – 10 PM

### ***Saturday, March 9, 2019:***

#### **Competition**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre John Bassett Theatre  
9 AM – 10 PM

#### **Master Classes**

National Ballet of Canada Studios  
Throughout the Day

### ***Sunday, March 10, 2019:***

#### **Competition**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre John Bassett Theatre  
9 AM – 6 PM

#### **Master Classes**

National Ballet of Canada Studios  
Throughout the Day

#### **Awards Ceremony**

7 PM – 8 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/hotel and studios:** 1.3 km (0.8 miles) approximately 10-minutes driving, 20-minutes walking

**Distance from airport to theater/hotel:** 16 miles (25 km) approximately 30 minutes driving

**Distance from airport to studio:** 16 miles (25 km) approximately 30 minutes driving

**Distance from hotel to theater:** Located in the same building, within walking distance

