



YAGP

Regional Semi-Final Tour Guide

YAGP Houston, TX - February 13 - 16, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Youth America Grand Prix 2020 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:

The historic Cullen Performance Hall is located on the campus of University of Houston, less than 15 minutes drive from Houston's downtown area. Master Classes will take place at Houston Ballet's state-of-the-art facilities, featuring some of the largest and best-equipped studios in the country. The studios are well located in the very heart of Houston's Theater District. There is a hotel close to campus, but please keep in mind that it has limited availability. This is a great semi-final venue choice for those who are planning to fly: the Houston Airport is one of the biggest hubs in the country and has many convenient, connecting flights from virtually anywhere.

Theater:

Theater: Cullen Performance Hall

Address: University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX 77004

Website: <http://www.uh.edu/cullen-performance-hall/>

Stage Size: 36' X 30'

Auditorium Size: 1,531 seats

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

Parking: Welcome Center Garage, [4400 University Dr, Houston, TX 77204](#) \$10/day cash only, roughly 8 minute walk to Cullen Performance Hall



Studios:

Studios: Houston Ballet Academy

Address: 601 Preston St, Houston, TX 77002

Website: <https://www.houstonballet.org/>

Parking: Street parking free of charge. For additional parking options, see Houston Ballet's [Plan Your Visit Page](#)



Hotels:

JW Marriott Houston Downtown ★★★★★

Address: 806 Main St Houston, TX 77002

Phone contact: [\(713\) 237-1111](tel:7132371111)

Website: [Link](#)

YAGP special guest rate for 1 double guest room: \$119

Distance from hotel to the studios: 0.5 miles, 3 min drive

Distance from hotel to the theater: 5.6 miles, 15 min drive

Parking: \$42 per day valet

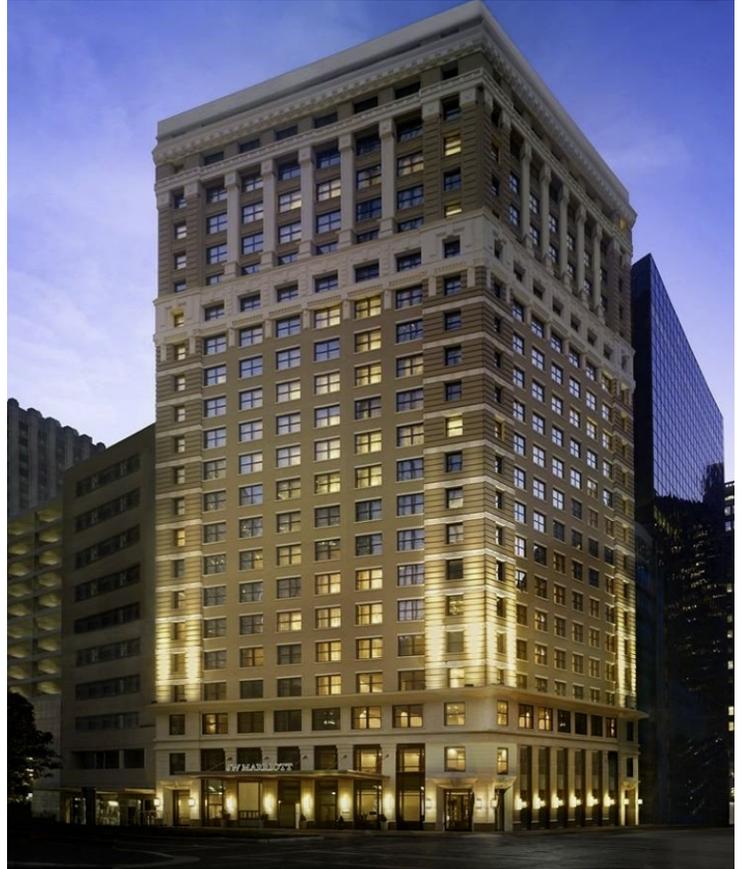
Wifi: Complementary

Shuttle: N/A to and from airport

Book By: 1/14/20

Reservation method: Please use our special booking link here: [Link](#)

Or call the hotel at [\(713\) 237-1111](tel:7132371111) and mention YAGP to get the special rate!



Hilton at University of Houston ★★★★★

Address: 4800 Calhoun Rd, Houston, TX 77004

Phone contact: [\(832\) 531-6300](tel:8325316300)

Website: [Link](#)

YAGP special guest rate for 1 double guest room: \$169

Distance from hotel to the studios: 4.9 miles, about 19 min drive

Distance from hotel to the theater: 0.3 miles, about 3 min drive

Parking: \$20 per car per night

Wifi: Complementary

Shuttle: N/A

Book By: 1/13/20

Reservation method: Fully Booked



Dining

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

Distances:

Distance between theater and studios: 4.9 miles, approximately 18 min drive

Distance from airport to theater: 24 miles, approximately 37 min drive

Distance from airport to studios: 22 miles, approximately 28 min drive

Distance from airport to Hilton: 24 miles, approximately 37 min drive

Distance from theater to Hilton: 0.3 miles, approximately 3 min drive

Distance from studio to Hilton: 4.9 miles, approximately 19 min drive

Distance from airport to JW Marriott: 21 miles, approximately 29 min drive

Distance from theater to JW Marriott: 4.4 miles, approximately 14 min drive

Distance from studio to JW Marriott: 0.7 miles, approximately 7 min drive

