



# YAGP 2019-2020

## Regional Semi-Final Tour Guide

### YAGP Philadelphia, PA

### November 2 - 3, 2019

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Youth America Grand Prix 2019-2020 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](mailto:regional@yagp.org).

All the best,

The YAGP Team

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## Important Information

### 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 the most competitive U.S. semi-final locations, consistently producing top finalists at YAGP Finals.

### Theater:

**Theater:** Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts

**Website:** <http://www.penncharter.com/page.cfm?p=2359>

**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/>

**Address:** 1101 South Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19147

**Parking:** Street parking - we recommend allowing extra time to find a parking spot

**Lunch:** Lunch is available at the school cafe, à la carte



**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.**

## Hotel:

### **Courtyard Marriott Philadelphia City Avenue★★★**

**Address:** 4100 Presidential Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19131

**Phone contact:** [\(215\) 477-0200](tel:(215)477-0200)

**Website:** [Link](#)

**YAGP special guest rate for 1 double guest room:** \$144

**Distance from hotel to the studios:** 8 miles, about 18 min drive

**Distance from hotel to the theater:** 2.2 miles, about 9 min drive

**Parking:** Complementary

**Wifi:** Complementary

**Shuttle:** N/A

**Book By:** 10/3/19

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

Or you may also call the hotel at [\(215\) 477-0200](tel:(215)477-0200) and mention YAGP to get the special rate.



