



YAGP International Contemporary Youth Ensemble

(for dancers ages 13-20)



*Choreography by: **Ohad Naharin, Sharon Eyal, Inbal Pinto***

*Performances: **Lincoln Center (NYC), Tel Aviv Opera House, and other international locations***



Youth America Grand Prix is thrilled to announce its first ever **INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY YOUTH ENSEMBLE**, in collaboration with YGP Israel.

This unique program, created specifically for talented young dancers seeking to immerse themselves in contemporary training, is designed to simulate the experience of working in a professional dance company – including casting, rehearsals, being part of the choreographic process, travel, and performances.

Acceptance is by invitation or audition only. Dancers selected for the Ensemble will first take part in the **CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP** held in Herzliya, ISRAEL, **December 18-22, 2022**. During the Workshop, dancers will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn cutting-edge repertoire by renowned choreographers Ohad Naharin, Sharon Eyal, and Inbal Pinto.

Following the **CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP**, dancers will be cast in one or more pieces to be performed during the YAGP 25th Anniversary Gala Tour, which may include:

- [Lincoln Center](#) (NYC) on April 11, 2023
- [Israeli Opera House](#) (Tel Aviv) on May 27, 2023
- [Straz Center](#) (Tampa, FL) on April 8, 2023
- [Nervi Festival](#) (Italy) on July 3-8, 2023

Read below for more information on this exciting new program.

ELIGIBILITY: Acceptance to the YAGP INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY YOUTH ENSEMBLE is by invitation or audition only. The program is open, without audition, to all 1st Place winners in the Contemporary Dance category of the Junior (12-14 years old) or Senior (15-20 years old) age divisions, from any of the YAGP 2022 Season semi-finals in the U.S. or worldwide.

Dancers may also apply by submitting a video audition – either a contemporary solo, contemporary combination(s), or improvisation up to 3 minutes – to the YGP Israel team at yagp.israel@gmail.com. Dancers are also welcome to add an *optional* introduction video to share more about themselves.

Space is limited. Only 30 dancers from around the world will be selected for the YAGP INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY YOUTH ENSEMBLE.

COST: Dancers are responsible for their own travel and accommodations for the Workshop and any Gala performances for which they may be selected. There will also be a registration fee of **\$450 USD**.

* Scholarships and need-based financial assistance is available; to apply, please send an e-mail to yagp.israel@gmail.com describing your need.

SCHEDULE: The workshop schedule will include daily ballet and Gaga classes followed by 2-4 hours of repertoire rehearsals with the choreographers/repetiteurs. Classes will take place at the Unison Center of Excellence studio, at the Marina Herzliya.

Please see below for a sample schedule (*estimate only*):

- 09:30 – 11:00 Ballet class
- 11:00 – 13:00 Inbal Pinto repertoire
- 13:30 – 15:30 Sharon Eyal repertoire
- 17:00 – 18:00 Gaga class
- 18:00 – 21:00 Ohad Naharin repertoire

LOGISTICS: Hotel rooms can be reserved at the [NYX Hotel](#), located a convenient 10-minute walk from the studio. There are many hotels, restaurants & take-out dining options, supermarkets and convenience stores in the Marina area.

COVID-19: Covid-19 tests are not required upon entering or exiting Israel at this time. However, for the safety of all involved, we strongly recommend that all participants test prior to the start of the program.

QUESTIONS? : Please contact yagp.israel@gmail.com describing your need.

We look forward to welcoming the inaugural cohort of the YAGP INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY YOUTH ENSEMBLE and to seeing these fantastic pieces onstage at YAGP Galas around the world!

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