

WELCOME FROM THE FOUNDERS

Dear Friends,



As we welcome more than 1,700 young dance students from 35 countries on 5 continents to the world's largest dance family gathering – the YAGP 2023 Season Finals – we want to thank all the young dancers participating in YAGP. Your commitment, dedication and artistry are a testament to the power of the arts to uplift the human spirit – especially at this time, when it matters most.

As the #1 source of talent for the world's dance schools and companies, we are proud to have been able to place more than 200 Ukrainian dance students on scholarship at some of the world's leading dance academies in Europe and in the United States – and we want to thank all the YAGP scholarship presenters for opening their doors and their hearts to these young artists. We also thank the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for its invaluable support in making YAGP's Ukraine Relief efforts possible.



We are thrilled to have been able to hold live audition and competition events this season at more than 45 regional locations in the United States and around the globe. We are also thankful to the gifts of technology: livestreaming every single YAGP event allowed scholarship presenters to tune in from all around the world, resulting in a record number of scholarships offered this season.

This season marks the 24th year of YAGP changing the world of dance - and we cannot wait to celebrate our big 25th Anniversary with you next year! To kick off the year-long celebration, YAGP will hold its signature gala performance, STARS OF TODAY MEET THE STARS OF TOMORROW, on April 11, 2023 at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center in New York City, where it all began. We hope to see you there and celebrate with you!

Larissa and Gennadi Saveliev
Founders, Youth America Grand Prix

Thank you for being a part of our mission to ensure the future of dance. We welcome you to the YAGP 2023 Season Finals and Gala in Tampa, FL – and look forward to yet another global gathering to celebrate the beauty and the artistry of each and every talented young dancer participating in YAGP.

With gratitude and appreciation,
Larissa and Gennadi Saveliev



JUDGES AND SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTERS

STELLA ABRERA - Artistic Director, American Ballet Theatre JKO School (USA)

JASON BEECHEY - Rector, Palucca University of Dance Dresden (GERMANY)

JOSE CARAYOL - Head of Artistic Programmes, The Royal Ballet School (UK)

DEVON CARNEY - Artistic Director, Kansas City Ballet (USA)

VIVIANA DURANTE - Artistic Director, English National Ballet School (UK)

KARIN ELLIS-WENTZ - Head of Conservatory & Pre-Professional Program, Joffrey Academy of Dance (USA)

JEAN-YVES ESQUERRE - Founder and Director, European School of Ballet (NETHERLANDS)

ERICA FISCHBACH - Academy Director, Colorado Ballet Academy (USA)

DEBORAH HESS - Senior Faculty Member, Canada's National Ballet School (CANADA)

MARIA KONRAD - Director, Nashville Ballet II (USA)

ARAM MANUKYAN - Director of the Trainee Program, Alberta Ballet School (CANADA)

LUCA MASALA - Artistic Director, Princess Grace Academy (MONACO)

TADUESZ MATA CZ - Director, John Cranko School of The Stuttgart Ballet (GERMANY)

ERNST MEISNER - Artistic Director, Dutch National Ballet Academy (NETHERLANDS)

PASCAL MOLAT - Trainee Program Associate Director, San Francisco Ballet School (USA)

NICK MULLIKIN - CEO/Associate Artistic Director, Nashville Ballet (USA)

RACHEAL NYE - School Director, Oklahoma City Ballet School (USA)

ROBERT PARKER - Artistic Director, Elmhurst Ballet School (UK)

JAMES PAYNE - Principal Faculty and Trainee Coordinator, Ballet West (USA)

CHRISTOPHER POWNEY - Artistic Director & CEO, The Royal Ballet School (UK)

SASCHA RADETSKY - Artistic Director, ABT Studio Company (USA)

ALYSSON ROCHA - First Ballet Master, Ballett Dortmund / NRW Juniorballett (GERMANY)

MAREK ROZYCKI - Deputy Artistic Director, Berlin State Ballet School (GERMANY)

JENNIFER SOMMERS - Director, Houston Ballet Academy (USA)

PETER STARK - President and Director, The Rock School for Dance Education (USA)

STANTON WELCH - Artistic Director, Houston Ballet (USA)



TEACHERS AND SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTERS

NATALIA BASHKATOVA - Former Principal Dancer, Bolshoi Ballet & Cirque du Soleil

GIUSEPPE BAUSILIO - YAGP Alumnus; Broadway Star of Newsies, Billy Elliot, and Hamilton; Alfie in the TV Show "The Next Step"

AMANDA BENNETT - Artistic Director, Ballet School of the Basel Theater (SWITZERLAND)

GIL BOGGS - Artistic Director, Colorado Ballet (USA)

PHILLIP BROOMHEAD - School Director, Orlando Ballet School (USA)

CHERYNE BUSCH - Upper School Principal, Houston Ballet Academy (USA)

EVERLYN CISNEROS-LEGATE - Director, Ballet West Academy (USA)

RUNQIAO DU - International Master Teacher

MIREILLE FAVAREL - Artistic Director, Milwaukee Ballet II (USA)

JOHANNE GINGRAS - Faculty Member & Teacher Training Program Director, Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet School (CANADA)

RACHEL HAMRICK - Former dancer with Dutch National Ballet, Hungarian National Ballet, Universal Ballet, Orlando Ballet, and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montreal; Founder Flexistretcher (USA)

CHRISTOPHER HIRD - Director of Education, Sarasota Ballet (USA)

KATHRYN MORGAN - Former Soloist, New York City Ballet and Miami City Ballet; Guest Artist & Master Teacher (USA)

ALEXEI MOSKALENKO - Associate Artistic Director, YAGP; Former Dancer, Bolshoi Ballet

ASHLEY MCNEIL - Director, Alberta Ballet School (CANADA)

DEIRDRE MILES BURGER - Assistant Education Director, Sarasota Ballet (USA)

CLAUDIO MUNOZ - Ballet Master, Houston Ballet II & Houston Ballet Academy (USA)

PHILIP NEAL - Artistic Director and Dance Department Chair, Next Generation Ballet at the Patel Conservatory (USA)

KARINE PLANTADIT - Tony Award-nominated Broadway star; Former dancer, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (USA)

GENNADI SAVELIEV - Co-Founder, YAGP; Ballet Master, ABT Studio Company

CHRISTOPHER SELLARS - Former First Soloist, Ballet West (USA)

JOHN SELYA - Tony Award-nominated Broadway Star; Former dancer, American Ballet Theatre and Twyla Tharp Dance

MIKHAIL TCHOUPAKOV - Associate Professor, University of North Carolina School of the Arts (USA)

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