YAGP 2026 FINALS GUIDE

Houston, TX

May 10 - 18, 2026

Dear Friends,
Youth America Grand Prix is thrilled to present its 2026 Season Finals for the first time in Houston, TX, hosted by Houston Ballet!

As the world's largest student ballet scholarship competition and one of the leading producers of dance Galas and events worldwide, YAGP is proud to have produced events at many of the world's most prestigious stages, including Lincoln Center and New York City Center, Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico, as well as prominent stages in Tokyo, Osaka, Sao Paulo, and many others.

This season, we look forward to welcoming the YAGP 2026 Finalists to the magnificent, state-of-the-art Wortham Theater Center, home of Houston Ballet, for a week of thrilling performances, master classes with directors of the leading dance academies worldwide, and other special events offered only at the YAGP Finals.

The YAGP 2026 Finals will conclude in a spectacular Gala, YAGP's signature STARS OF TODAY MEET THE STARS OF TOMORROW, featuring some of the most exciting artists performing today alongside the next generation of future ballet stars.

Please read the below guide for some helpful information, and check back soon as more details become available.

WORTHAM CENTER

YAGP is thrilled to be at the **Wortham Theater Center** in Houston! The Wortham Center is home to Houston Ballet and Houston Grand Opera. Since its opening in 1987, Wortham has entertained more than 8 million people.

Bold and beautiful, the Wortham is a facility like no other. It is a masterful, creative playground for performing artists and offers an array of public spaces, both monumental and intimate.

The Wortham Theater Center's state-of-the-art facility, located in beautiful downtown Houston, houses two theaters onsite. To safely accommodate the maximum number of participants each day of the Finals, on some days competition will be held simultaneously in two theaters within the same performing arts complex.

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CULLEN THEATER

Theater: Cullen Theater at Wortham Theater Center
Address: 501 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002
Website: LINK
Cullen Theater stage size: 48' x 43'
Auditorium size: 1,100 seats
Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within walking distance
Parking: Conveniently connected to Wortham Center. Open 24 hours. Accessible parking is available, please notify attendant on arrival. Map of garage entrances HERE.

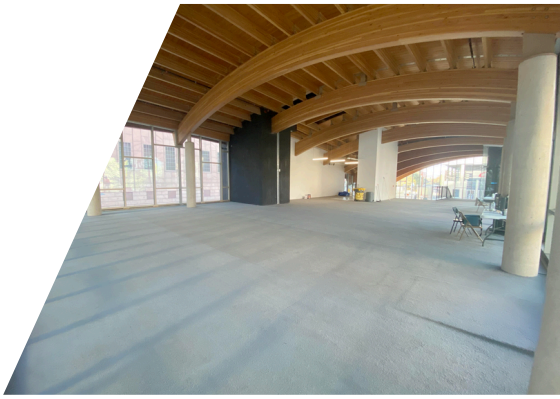
BROWN THEATER

Theater: Brown Theater at Wortham Theater Center
Address: 501 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002
Website: LINK
Brown Theater Stage size: 65' x 65'
Auditorium size: 2,405 seats
Nearby restaurants: A variety of options within walking distance
Parking: Conveniently connected to Wortham Center. Open 24 hours. Accessible parking is available, please notify attendant on arrival. Map of garage entrances HERE.

STUDIOS

Houston Ballet Margaret Alkek Williams Center for Dance — the largest professional dance facility in the United States — is proud to host YAGP master classes and rehearsals.

Studios: Houston Ballet Margaret Alkek Williams Center for Dance
Address: 601 Preston St, Houston, TX 77002
Website: LINK
Parking: Parking is available at the Lyric Center Garage (located across the street from the Center for Dance). More information HERE.



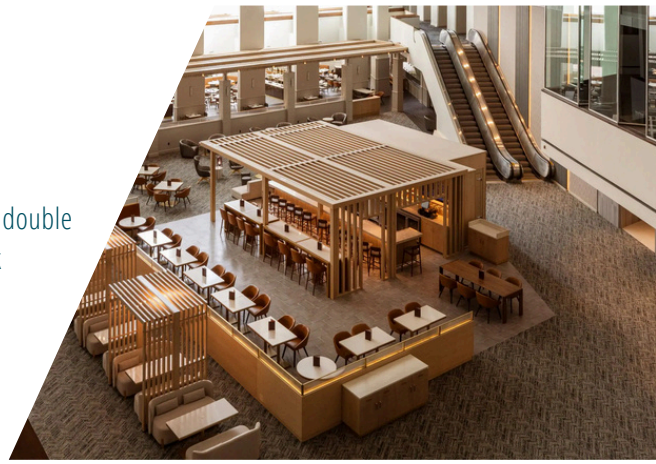
Additional Studios: Lynn Wyatt Square
Address: 601 Capitol St, Houston, TX 77002
Parking: Information can be found HERE.

HOTELS

C. Baldwin, Curio Collection by Hilton
Address: 400 Dallas St, Houston, TX 77002
Phone contact: (713) 759-0202
Website: LINK
YAGP special guest rate for 1 guest room: $189
Distance from hotel to the theater: 0.6 miles, 5 min drive
Wifi: Available on-site
Breakfast: Available on-site
Parking: Overnight Valet Parking: $62 per car
Daily Valet Parking: $32 per car
Book By: 4/17/26
Reservation method: Please call the hotel directly at (713) 759-0202 and mention YAGP for the special rate.

The Whitehall Houston
Address: 1700 Smith Street Houston, TX 77002
Phone contact: (855) 318-8945
Website: LINK
YAGP special guest rate for 1 guest room: $159
Distance from hotel to the theater: 1.4 miles, 4 min drive
Wifi: Complimentary
Breakfast: Available on-site
Parking: Overnight Valet: $20
Book By: 4/8/2026
Reservation method: Please use our special booking link here: LINK
Or call the hotel directly at (713) 739-8800 and mention YAGP for the special rate. **Cutoff Date Has Passed**

Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown
Address: 1200 Louisiana St, Houston, TX 77002
Phone contact: (713) 654-1234
Website: LINK
YAGP special guest rate for 1 guest room: $195.15 - single, $220.15 - double
Distance from hotel to the theater: 0.7 miles, 3 min drive, 13 min walk
Wifi: Complimentary
Breakfast: Available on-site
Parking: $5 discount off Overnight Valet parking
Book By: 4/8/2026
Reservation method: Please use our special booking link here: LINK
Or call the hotel directly at (713) 654-1234 and mention YAGP for the special rate. **Cutoff Date Has Passed**



DISTANCES

Distance between airport and theater: 19.6 miles, approximately 29 minute drive
Distance between theater and Houston Ballet studios: 2 blocks away, approximately 4 minute walk
Distance between theater and Lynn Wyatt Square studios: 2 blocks away, approximately 6 minute walk
Distance between theater and C. Baldwin Hotel: 0.6 miles, approximately 5 minute drive
Distance between theater and Whitehall Hotel: 1.4 miles, approximately 4 minute drive
Distance between theater and Hyatt Regency Hotel: 0.7 miles, approximately 3 minute drive, 13 minute walk

Houston Ballet is honored to host the 2026 Youth America Grand Prix Finals and support the next generation of dancers. As a leading cultural institution in Houston, we are proud to partner with YAGP in presenting a week of world-class performances, training, and opportunities that will inspire dancers and audiences alike.