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**YOUNGARTS GOLD AND SILVER AWARD WINNERS TRAVEL TO
NEW YORK FOR PRESTIGIOUS
In the Studio ARTISTIC RESIDENCY, April 17-April 23, 2010**

MIAMI (February, 2010) The nation's top student artists have been selected to travel to New York City for an incredible week of interdisciplinary artistic workshops and performances, April 17-23. Thirty seven YoungArts Gold and Silver winners will perform and exhibit at **The Baryshnikov Arts Center** and **Affirmation Arts gallery** during the 2010 *In the Studio, a Celebration of YoungArts Gold and Silver Winners*.

This week-long program includes a studio performance and exhibition that is open to the public on **Wednesday, April 21, 2010**. The performance begins at **7p.m.** at the Baryshnikov Arts Center, 450 W. 37th Street, by the Dance, Theater, Voice, Classical Music, Jazz and Writing winners followed by an exhibition by the Visual Arts, Photography and Cinematic Arts winners at Affirmation Arts gallery, 523 W. 37th Street. For details email inthestudio@youngarts.org or call us at 305.377.1140.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. For ticket information or to RSVP, please call: (212) 279-4200 or www.ticketcentral.com.

These 37 YoungArts winners were among a group of 142 high school seniors from across the nation who came to Miami for YoungArts Week 2010, a five-day intensive training and performance program with world-renowned artists. Each of the young artists who attended were selected from an original application pool of up to 7,000 students nationally. The Gold and Silver awardees were based upon national panel evaluations during YoungArts Week.

While in New York the students will participate in an intensive learning experience that focuses on their artistic development. They will have exposure to world-renowned artists and master classes with the country's best teachers and coaches. Past master teachers include Mikhail Baryshnikov, Martin Scorsese and Plácido Domingo.

For more information about YoungArts please visit www.youngarts.org.

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About YoungArts:

YoungArts is the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA). It is the signature national organization that recognizes and supports America's most talented 17-18 year olds in the visual, literary and performing arts. YoungArts is the sole nominating agency for Presidential Scholars in the Arts. The foundation provides emerging artists with financial support and life changing experiences with internationally renowned artists. YoungArts alumni go on to become leading professionals in their fields. Alumni include Emmy nominated actress Vanessa Williams, three-time Tony Award nominee Raúl Esparza, star of HBO's *Entourage* Adrian Grenier and Warner Brothers Recording Artist Josh Groban. For more information, visit www.youngarts.org

About Baryshnikov Arts Center (BAC):

The Baryshnikov Arts Center (BAC) was established in 2005 to serve as a creative laboratory, meeting place, and performance space for a vibrant community of artists from around the world. BAC also is dedicated to building audiences for the arts by presenting contemporary, innovative work at low or no cost to ticket buyers. The Center has been a partner of YoungArts since it opened its doors in 2005.

About Affirmation Arts:

Affirmation Arts is an arts complex in located Manhattan's Hudson Yards District. Comprised of a gallery space, offices and studios, the building provides an anchor to the up-and-coming arts neighborhood. The gallery offers temporary exhibition space for curators, galleries, artists and in-house shows. The Affirmation Arts Fund, with the mission to raise the status within society of art as a vocation through arts education, began operation in 2009. Affirmation Arts is a welcome partner of YoungArts.