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YoungArts April 22 *In the Studio* Benefit Draws New York's Arts Philanthropists in Support of Talented Teens

New York (February, 2010) YoungArts, the core program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, will hold its annual *In the Studio, a Celebration of YoungArts Gold and Silver Winners* benefit in New York City on **Thursday, April 22 at 7p.m.** at the Baryshnikov Arts Center and Affirmation Arts gallery. Chaired by **Agnes Gund, Sarah Arison, Marian Davis and Nikki Brown**, the benefit raises funds and awareness for the talented student artists the YoungArts program is dedicated to supporting.

The evening is the culmination of the weeklong *In the Studio* program, an artistic residency for 37 talented young artists who were selected as the best of the best from a group of 142 high school senior artists from across the nation who came to Miami in January for YoungArts Week, a five-day intensive training and performance program with world-renowned artists.

The evening includes a performance at the Baryshnikov Arts Center, 450 W. 37th Street, by the Dance, Theater, Voice, Classical Music, Jazz and Writing winners, followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at an exhibition by the Visual Arts, Photography and Cinematic Arts winners at Affirmation Arts gallery, 523 W. 37th Street.

Tickets begin at \$500. For ticket information or to RSVP, please email inthestudio@youngarts.org or call 305.377.6992.

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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