



Youth America Grand Prix

Ensuring the Future of Dance for 25 Years

Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) is the world's largest student ballet scholarship competition and youth dance organization – and the #1 source of talent for the world's dance schools and companies.

YAGP is a New York-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dance education organization with a mission to support and develop world-class dancers, ages 9-19, of all economic, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds. YAGP fulfills its mission to ensure the future of dance by traveling the world (**30+ cities in the U.S. and 15 cities internationally**) and auditioning more than **15,000** talented young dancers annually for scholarships, performance opportunities, and other educational programs.

Over the past 25 years, YAGP has revolutionized the world of dance by radically changing the way the world's dance schools and companies look for talent. It did so by creating a global network of dance – a centralized, global pipeline of opportunity for dance students worldwide to audition for scholarships to the world's leading dance academies. It also gave U.S. and international dance companies unprecedented access to dance talent worldwide.

In its 25 years of operation,

- YAGP has reached over **300,000 dance students** of all backgrounds with **life-changing opportunities** to receive top-quality dance education and pursue a professional career in dance.
- More than **\$5,000,000** has been awarded at YAGP in **scholarships** to the world's leading dance schools; with over **4,000** scholarship offers presented annually through YAGP's U.S. and international audition tours
- More than **500 YAGP alumni** are now dancing professionally in **100 companies worldwide**.

YAGP GALAS AROUND THE WORLD

YAGP is also one of the world's leading producers of dance Galas and events featuring the most promising young dance artists and professional ballet stars from all around the globe, having produced events at Lincoln Center and New York City Center, Carnegie Hall, Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico, as well as prominent stages in Tokyo, Osaka, Sao Paulo, and many others. YAGP has collaborated as producers with the Spoleto Festival and Nervi Festival in Italy, Jacob's Pillow and Vail Dance Festival in the United States, Gala de Danza in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and many others worldwide.

FOUNDED IN NEW YORK, IMPACTING THE NATION – AND BEYOND

YAGP was founded in 1999 in New York City and is a New York-based 501(c)(3) dance education organization. It has made an invaluable contribution to New York City's – and the nation's – culture and the arts. At American Ballet Theatre – America's National Ballet Company – 60 (!) out of 93 company dancers are YAGP alumni. More than 25 YAGP alumni are dancing at New York City Ballet; YAGP alumni perform at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, multiple Broadway shows, and in virtually every major dance company in the United States. YAGP's longtime artistic home in NYC – Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts – has given voice to thousands of talented emerging young dancers and choreographers to present their work on an international level and launch a professional dance career, impacting the nation and the world. ■ YAGP annually conducts competitions and auditions in **30+ cities in the U.S. and 15 countries** around the globe.

DEI : CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES

Diversity, equity and inclusion have always been at the heart of YAGP's mission to support and develop dance students of all economic, racial, ethnic and geographic backgrounds. As a result of YAGP's work to provide a critical pathway into ballet for under-resourced communities around the world, the representation of dancers of diverse backgrounds in global dance schools and companies has **increased by more than 30%**.

YAGP 25th ANNIVERSARY: ENSURING THE FUTURE OF DANCE FOR 25 YEARS - AND INTO THE FUTURE

In 2024, YAGP celebrated its 25th Anniversary with two spectacular Gala performances at the David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center and was officially recognized by the United States Senate as **America's National Youth Dance Competition** – America's first and the world's largest global dance network.