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BENEFICIARY

YOUNG TEXAS ARTISTS (YTA) is a one-of-a-kind non-profit presenter of music competitions and events, career development programs and cultural enrichment outreach. We educate, inspire, and build audiences for classical music and the other fine arts. YTA has been inspiring excellence in Texas since 1983.

Your support enables vital career development for emerging Texas stars. Young Texas Artists has helped to launch careers of more than 2,500 classical musicians and enrich the cultural quality of our communities. YTA also has become a cultural jewel of Texas with national and international recognition. These achievements have been possible only with support of our exceptional donors and volunteers.

Promising Texas artists have seen dreams come true. YTA alumni include a Grammy winner and two nominees, leading singers at the Metropolitan Opera, a 2017 silver medalist in the famed Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, and others performing or teaching at major companies and institutions throughout the world.

Two cornerstones of YTA are the acclaimed Young Texas Artists Music Competition and the Career Development Program. They provide professional guidance and performance opportunities critical for progress and jobs.

An Official Music Competition of the State of Texas, the YTA contest is unique. It is open to classical artists, ages 18-32, who are Texas residents or affiliated with a Texas music school. It is also the only competition in Texas with four divisions: Voice; Piano; Strings; and Orchestral Instruments. Judges are distinguished professionals from leading orchestras, operas and music conservatories.

OUR MISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE EXCELLENCE IN YOUNG TEXAS MUSICIANS, INSPIRE THEIR AUDIENCES AND ENRICH THE CULTURAL LIFE OF OUR STATE.

YOUNG TEXAS ARTISTS, INC. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded and headquartered in Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas.

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WEEKEND



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WE'RE BACK!

YOUNG TEXAS ARTISTS is over-the-top delighted and grateful to invite you to our big comeback weekend this spring. After two pandemic-cancelled seasons, our popular Bach, Beethoven & Barbecue and Concert of Classics are roaring back along with additional audience-pleasing arts events. Donors receive access to all programs for the 2019 price of just one!

The stars of our shows will be inspiring finalists of the 37th annual Young Texas Artists Music Competition and other extraordinary rising stars of Texas.

2022 GUEST OF HONOR

Also appearing onstage will be **Guest of Honor, Michael Mayes**, 2002 YTA Gold Medalist, now a celebrated, world-wide performing opera star. At our **Concert of Classics** on Saturday night, he will sing one of his signature arias and share a few insights and challenges from his exceptional career



A proud hometown boy from Cut and Shoot, Texas, Michael grew up singing country music. This included bluegrass, harmonizing with his recordings of C&W greats, and hymns with his church choir. Then opera called, and the rest is impressive history. Today, Michael Mayes is renowned for his consummate portrayals of modern operatic masterpieces as well as iconic characters from the standard Opera repertoire. A powerful baritone with a magnetic stage presence, he has performed leading roles with major companies, stunning audiences across America and Europe.

Y'ALL COME BACK!

YOUNG TEXAS ARTISTS PRESENTS

2022 YTA FINE ARTS WEEKEND

THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 10-13, 2022

CRIGHTON THEATRE & GRAND PAVILION | 234 N. MAIN ST.

RED BRICK TAVERN | 119 SIMONTON ST.

202 MAIN STREET

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT OF CONROE, TEXAS

Super fine to foot-stomping events,
amazing performers, food & libations,
music & dancing – classical to country

STARRING

RISING STARS OF TEXAS

GUEST OF HONOR, MICHAEL MAYES

2002 YTA Gold Medal Winner

Internationally-acclaimed Grand Opera Star

FEATURING

BACH, BEETHOVEN & BARBECUE BENEFIT GALA

CONCERT OF CLASSICS

37TH ANNUAL YTA FINALISTS' CONCERT & AWARDS

FINE ART INVITATIONAL SHOW

CONTEMPORARY DANCE SHOWCASE

YOUNG TEXAS POETS SHOWCASE

BENEFITING CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG TEXAS ARTISTS

RESPONSE CARD ENCLOSED

ATTIRE: JEANS TO JEWELS

WEEKEND LINE-UP

FIVE MAIN EVENTS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

Really great music – concert stage and C&W classics, a big Texas barbecue with a best Texas band, exciting finals of the nationally-acclaimed YTA Music Competition, and talented Texans performing in distinctly different fine arts shows. Events hold forth at The Crighton Theatre, our elaborate Grand Pavilion directly in front of the theater, Red Brick Tavern and 202 Main Street.

Back for the first time since 2019...

BACH, BEETHOVEN & BARBECUE

Annual Pre-Concert Dinner, Dancing, Auction and After-Party

GRAND PAVILION | SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022 | 5:00 P.M.

- + Opening Reception (5:00 p.m.)
- + Sumptuous Texas BBQ Dinner with all the trimmings (5:45 p.m.)
- + Texas Music – Bill Mock & His Highway 105 Band
- + Live Auction with Lady Lyn Howard
- + After-Party dancing, champagne, wine & longnecks bar and dessert buffet (9:45 p.m.)
- + Craig Stephan, Master of Ceremonies

CONCERT OF CLASSICS

37th Annual YTA Finalists' Concert & Awards

CRIGHTON THEATRE | SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022 | 7:30 P.M.

- + Best-loved classical music and opera arias
- + Audience Choice Voting & Awards
- + Brilliant, inspiring performances
- + St. John Flynn, Master of Ceremonies
- + (NEW) \$40,000 in cash awards

Plus three more premier events — all professionally produced invitationals

FINE ART SHOW

Paintings by rising Texas stars

202 MAIN STREET | FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 | 1:00 P.M.

- + Audience Choice Voting & Award
- + Complimentary wine, beer & lite bites

CONTEMPORARY DANCE SHOWCASE

Performances by rising Texas stars

202 MAIN STREET | FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 | 2:00 P.M.

- + Audience Choice Voting & Award
- + Complimentary wine, beer & lite bites

YOUNG TEXAS POETS SHOWCASE

Original poems presented by rising Texas stars

RED BRICK TAVERN | SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 | 3:30 P.M.

- + Kick-back casual finale of Fine Arts Weekend
- + Complimentary wine, brew and “redneck hors d’oeuvres”

And a special, complimentary evening for donors \$1,000 and above

SPONSORS & JUDGES DINNER

Seated dinner with performance by a YTA medalist

ONSTAGE AT CRIGHTON THEATRE | THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 | 6:30 P.M.