



## GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2006 Youth America Grand Prix Gala, featuring this year's scholarship winners dancing alongside today's most exciting ballet dancers.

This innovative event is designed to identify and encourage the promising young ballet dancers who will shape the future of a timeless art form. Every participant benefits from the expert instruction and invaluable exposure they receive, not to mention the lasting friendships they forge. The winners are awarded scholarships to continue their dance education at the world's most distinguished schools.

Anna Pavlova said, "God gives talent. Work transforms talent into genius." All of the young dancers performing here tonight are immensely talented, and over the last months they have worked extraordinarily hard. New York City congratulates every dancer on their considerable achievement, and thanks the organizers of the Youth America Grand Prix on behalf of dance aficionados everywhere.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor