



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 10th Anniversary Youth America Grand Prix Closing Night Gala, "Stars of Today Meet Stars of Tomorrow."

Now in its tenth season, this organization is dedicated to discovering tomorrow's new dancers, choreographers, and companies. As the largest student ballet scholarship competition in the world, over 25,000 dancers have participated in their international workshops, competitions, and audition classes. Tonight's celebration brings new talent together with YAGP alumni, who currently perform with more than 50 international ballet companies.

Anna Pavlova, the renowned ballet dancer, said, "God gives talent. Work transforms talent into genius." All of the dancers showcased here tonight are immensely talented, and over the last months they have worked extraordinarily hard. On behalf of dance aficionados everywhere, I commend not only the dancers, but also everyone who has supported their efforts, especially their families and teachers. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor