



April 21, 2008

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send warm greetings to each of you gathered for the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) 2008 Gala.

The Gala comes as a culmination of Youth America Grand Prix's 2008 New York City Finals - which in turn, have concluded a year-long season of semi-finals conducted by YAGP throughout the United States and around the world.

In YAGP's nine years of operation, more than \$1 million has been awarded in scholarships to leading dance schools around the world; 20,000 dancers worldwide have participated in YAGP's international workshops, competitions, and audition classes; and more than 150 YAGP alumni are now dancing with 50 companies around the globe, including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Boston Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Washington Ballet; Royal Danish Ballet, Norwegian National Ballet, Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg, and many others.

YAGP is the only organization in the world that offers scholarships to all major dance schools in the United States, Canada and Europe. YAGP offers students the rare opportunity to be seen and to be evaluated professionally by the directors and leading faculty members of American Ballet Theatre, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, San Francisco Ballet School, Paris Opera Ballet School, Royal Ballet School, Stuttgart Ballet School and National Ballet School.

I commend each of you for your support of this wonderful educational initiative. You have my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable international dance event.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Hillary Rodham Clinton  
United States Senator