

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts), I am pleased to send this letter in support of Joshua Jennings. Joshua was named a winner in Jazz: Trumpet for the 2021 YoungArts national competition.

YoungArts applicants are between the ages of 15–18 or in grades 10–12, and each of our winners demonstrate outstanding artistic achievement in the visual, literary or performing arts.

National YoungArts Foundation was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison. YoungArts identifies the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary and performing arts, and provides them with creative and professional development opportunities throughout their careers.

YoungArts has a highly competitive application process for talented artists, judged by an independent panel of highly accomplished artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process. YoungArts winners, who represent the top 8.8% of applicants, are eligible to receive valuable financial awards of up to \$10,000; presentation opportunities at renowned institutions across the country; and the chance to learn from notable artists and mentors such as Debbie Allen, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Frank Gehry, Wynton Marsalis, Salman Rushdie and Mickalene Thomas.

YoungArts winners are further eligible for exclusive opportunities including a wide range of fellowships, residencies and awards; presentation opportunities at major venues nationwide; additional financial support; and access to YoungArts Post, a private, online portal for YoungArts alumni to connect, share their work, and discover new opportunities. YoungArts winners include accomplished leaders in their fields such as Daniel Arsham, Terence Blanchard, Camille A. Brown, Viola Davis, Allegra Goodman, Josh Groban, Judith Hill, Tarell Alvin McCraney, Andrew Rannells, Desmond Richardson and Hunter Schafer.

I hope that the prestige and recognition Joshua has received as a YoungArts winner will be considered as you make decisions on your received application submissions, as well as for potential awards.

Sincerely,

Jewel Malone  
**Executive Director**  
National YoungArts Foundation