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## **Pittsburgh CAPA Dance Phenom Jau'mair Garland Wins Prestigious National Arts Award**

PITTSBURGH, PA December 4, 2019 —Pittsburgh CAPA dance major Jau'mair Garland wins a 2020 YoungArts Foundation award, joining 686 talented, emerging artists from 40 states. Jau'mair has been recognized for his caliber of artistic achievements as one of the nation's most accomplished artists in the visual, literary and performing arts.

"Pittsburgh CAPA is just bursting out of the seams with talented young people. Jau'mair is just one of the many examples of how art and skill can take you places. We are so proud of Jau'mair and his recent accomplishments. He is an extraordinary dancer and we cannot wait to see what his future holds," said Melissa Pearlman, principal, Pittsburgh CAPA.

The Pittsburgh Board of Education will present Jau'mair with a Distinguished Achievement Award on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7 PM at the Administration Building in Oakland.

Jau'mair has been named a YoungArts recipient in Dance. Jau'mair was selected by an esteemed discipline-specific panel of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process. This year's award winners represent the top 9.5% of applications across ten artistic disciplines. YoungArts award winners gain access to one of the most prestigious programs for emerging artists in the United States in which they will have opportunities for creative and professional development throughout their entire careers.

"Every year I am reminded that extraordinary artistry is ageless and the 2020 YoungArts award winners—all teenage artists—have done it again. This group of emerging talent represents the inspiring potential of the next generation of artists. We look forward to welcoming them to the YoungArts community of leading artists and are thrilled to support their work from this early stage and throughout their careers," stated Board Chair Sarah Arison.

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As a finalist, Jau’mair will have the opportunity to participate in National YoungArts Week (January 5–12, 2020), the organization’s signature program providing artists with an intensive, weeklong and all-inclusive program featuring master classes, workshops and mentorship from leading artists in their fields.

Also, as a finalist, Jau’mair will be eligible to be nominated to become a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the highest honors given to high school seniors bestowed by the President of the United States. As the sole nominating agency, every year YoungArts nominates 60 artists to the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. The Commission then selects the 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Jau’mair is eligible for a cash prize of up to \$10,000 and the opportunity to participate in the organization’s regional programs YoungArts Miami (February 25–March 1, 2020), YoungArts Los Angeles (March 24–29, 2020) and YoungArts New York (April 21–26, 2020),

On July 1, 2020, Jau’mair will join the 20,000-strong YoungArts alumni community and will receive ongoing support from the organization as they continue to pursue a life in the arts.

### ABOUT NATIONAL YOUNGARTS FOUNDATION

National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) 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.

Entrance into this prestigious organization starts with a highly competitive application process for talented artists ages 15–18, or grades 10-12, in the United States, that is judged by esteemed discipline-specific panels of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process. In their first year, YoungArts award winners, who represent approximately the top 10% of applicants, receive valuable financial awards of up to \$10,000; presentation opportunities at renowned institutions; 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 in intimate settings.

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