



ART OF ÉLAN RETURNS TO NATIONAL CITY FOR ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM AT A REASON TO SURVIVE (ARTS)

As Art of Élan celebrates its 10th Anniversary Season titled "A Place to Call Home", the pioneering chamber music organization also launches its third annual **Young Artists in Harmony** program at A Reason to Survive (ARTS) in National City. This extremely unique Artist-in-Residence program features the apprenticeship of 10 National City music students to compose world premiere compositions performed by Art of Élan musicians in two concerts for the San Diego community.



Young Artists in Harmony, 2016

***"Music is enchanting."* Ailyn Resendiz**

Participants range from alumni from both previous years, to students who have no experience composing music for the professional concert stage. Ailyn Resendiz is an amateur violinist, but now as a composer she hopes "to inspire people to keep their hearts and minds open to the beauty of music and how it reflects life."

***"Music is essential to life."* Gunnar Parrott**

Mr. Parrott, first time Young Artist in Harmony participant, also expresses that he hopes that music can "express my feelings towards life's struggles and how to overcome them."

Students receive weekly mentorship with composer and teaching-artist Sean Conway at [A Reason To Survive \(ARTS\)](#). ARTS is a nationally recognized organization that believes in the power of the arts and creativity to literally change lives - especially those of youth

facing major life challenges. One of key components to the Young Artists in Harmony program is the one-on-one mentorship that the students also receive by Art of Élan musicians weekly. The students are able to workshop compositional ideas and get immediate feedback on the progress of their compositions.

The students also receive insight into what it takes to be a professional musician. The mentorship they receive empowers them with real-world skills that will stay with them long after the program is over. "I'm constantly astounded at the dedication to creating interesting and insightful music by each and every student" explains **Jory Herman**, Director of Community Engagement with Art of Élan. "Their compositions are filled with stories of themselves and their communities and you'll hear it in the concerts. It will be energetic, exhilarating, introspective, and everything in between."

This 10 week program will culminate in two concerts for the community.

Young Artists in Harmony

A unique 10-week apprenticeship program led by Artists-in-Residence

Art of Élan
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Premiering new compositions by 10 National City music students

ARTS (A REASON TO SURVIVE)
Dec 10 at 11:30am
200 E 12 St. in National City
Free admission

SAN DIEGO ART INSTITUTE
Jan 18 from 6-8pm
1439 El Prado in Balboa Park
\$10 general / \$5 student

www.artofelan.org

Art of Élan and ARTS (A Reason to Survive) present Young Artists in Harmony
Saturday, December 10, 2016 | 11:30 a.m. | ARTS (A Reason To Survive)
200 E. 12th Street in National City
FREE admission

Art of Élan and the San Diego Art Institute present Young Artists in Harmony
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 | 6-8pm | San Diego Art Institute
1439 El Prado in Balboa Park
6pm Open Gallery of the Southern California/Baja Biennial Exhibit | 6:30pm
Performance
\$10 admission | \$5 students

The Young Artists in Harmony program is generously supported by the Stensrud Foundation and Community Enhancement Funds from the County of San Diego.

For more information on Art of Élan, visit www.artofelan.org

YOUNG ARTISTS IN HARMONY 2015



Young Artists in Harmony
2015

YOUNG ARTISTS IN HARMONY 2016 - concert teaser



Young Artists in Harmony
2016

A place to call home

The 10th Anniversary Season is supported by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, the County of San Diego, Pat & Jack Thomas, the generosity of numerous individual donors and board members, and Art of Élan's Luminaria Circle, which supports the commissioning of new works.

More info at artofelan.org/

Art of Élan by the Numbers - 2006-2016

- *Performed 64 public concerts
- *Showcased 166 Musicians
- *Presented 10 world premieres of commissioned works
- *Participated in 14 unique, cross-disciplinary and collaborative productions
- *Completed 2 residency programs in National City at A Reason to Survive (ARTS)
- *Produced 47 live concert recordings on Instant Encore, which have been streamed over 58,000 times in 27 different countries around the world
- *Established countless new relationships with the adventurous music and art lovers of Southern California



bringing back the excitement of classical music



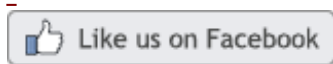
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By drawing inspiration from the word élan, which represents momentum, vigor and spirit, and providing an opportunity to connect directly with concertgoers, Art of Élan hopes to engage and energize audiences in new ways.

To further engage new, young audiences, Art of Élan concerts are available via download at Instant Encore

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