



SHOW INFORMATION

Press Check In: 9am ***

Red Carpet: 930am-11am

Luncheon 11am

Award Presentation: 1130-2:00pm



Just a few of our confirmed Nominees

- Rio Mangini- Bella and The Bulldog (**Nickelodeon**)
- Siena Agudong-Nicky,Ricky,Dicky&Dawn (**Nickelodeon**)
- Julia Tomasone - Backstage (**Family Channel**)
- Asia Monet - Dance Moms (**Lifetime**)
- Sloane Morgan Siegel -Gortimer Gibson's Life on Normal Street (**Amazon**)
- David Bloom - Gortimer Gibson's Life on Normal Street (**Amazon**)
- Stephanie Katherine Grant- The Goldbergs (**ABC**)
- Aalyah Caldwell- Uncle Buck (**ABC**)
- Sean Ryan Fox- Henry Danger (**Nickelodeon**)
- Josette Halpert-The Other Kingdom (**Nickelodeon**)
- Paris Smith- Every Witch Way (**Nickelodeon**)
- Imogen Tear- When Calls the Heart (**Hallmark Channel**)
- Jeremy Maguire – MODERN FAMILY (**ABC**)
- Armani Jackson - LITTLE BOXES (**NETFLIX but being released to movie theatres in April**)
- Brendan Heard - Odd Squad (**PBS**)
- Autumn Bell - Chicago Fire (**NBC**)
- Casey Burke - The Middle (**ABC**)
- Max Calinescu - Paw Patrol (**Nickelodeon**)
- Rebecca Bloom - Sigmund and the Sea Monsters (**Amazon**)
- Carter Ryan Evancic - When Calls the Heart (**Hallmark**)
- Peyton Kennedy - Odd Squad (**PBS**)

Lulu Lambros - Stuck in the Middle (**Disney Channel**)

Bella Stine - Peanuts Show (**Warner Brothers**)

Katie Silverman - New Girl (**FOX**)

Hannah Swain - Ruff-Ruff Tweet and Dave (**ABC**)

Daniel Thornton - Peanuts Show (**Warner Brothers**)

Ciara Wilson - OMG! (**Dreamworks TV**)

**Young Entertainer Awards Foundation Gears Up To Celebrate Youth In Entertainment For Second Year
In A Row With 2017 YEA!**



The Young Entertainer Awards Foundation is a non-profit organization that was created by various members of the entertainment industry who want to provide a positive incentive for young entertainers to perfect their skills, build a strong foundation of confidence that will benefit them, and even provides an annual scholarship to an individual or to another organization or institution assisting talented youth who might not otherwise be able to realize their dream. The Young Entertainer Awards Foundation supports young entertainers not only in their present acting career, but also in whatever path they wish to follow in their future. Sundar PR is thrilled to announce the formal representation of the Young Entertainer Awards, and look forward to bringing you exciting news about this tremendous organization serving the young talent across the country.

March of 2016, the Young Entertainer Awards Foundation produced its First Annual Young Entertainer Awards Ceremony at Universal Studios' Globe Theatre, garnering more than 400 VIP and Press attendees, including **Fergie**, **Jonael Santiago** (Winner, La Voz Kids), **Keaton**

Stromberg (Emblem 3), Radio Disney, KIIS FM, TigerBeat, Telemundo, [KTLA](#), and more! There were 46 winners in categories such as Film, TV, Theatre, Voice Over and the Web. Special awards were given out to Up & Coming Music Producer of the Year, International Vocal Artist, the YEA Lifetime Achievement Award and the YEA Scholarship Winner.

Host

Courtney Friel



Courtney Friel is an Anchor/Reporter at KTLA 5 News. She joined the station in 2013 after working six years in as a Correspondent and Fill-in Anchor at FOX News Channel in New York City.

Courtney grew up in Pennsylvania but first moved to Los Angeles in 1999 and has since worked at many TV stations, including entertainment reporting for Fox 11, E!, Extra, Oxygen, hosting "The World Poker Tour" on the Travel Channel, Court TV's "Saturday Night Solution", and contributing to FOX's "Americas Most Wanted".

Her first two jobs in local news were at CBS2 in Palm Springs and ABC7 in Jackson, TN, but she fell in love with the business while in high school as a student reporter for Channel One News.

Courtney graduated from San Diego State University with a degree in Political Science. She lives in Santa Monica with her two children, Cash and Cameron.

Host

Naibe Reynoso



Naibe Reynoso background includes investigative reporting, TV production, and entertainment reporting.

A graduate of UCLA, Reynoso began her TV career at Warner Bros where she worked as a production assistant for various sitcoms including the Drew Carey show. Reynoso hosted and produced her own Children's Educational Television Show "Chiquitran" for Los Angeles' KWHY channel 22. In 1996, she was awarded the National Association of Broadcasters Service to Children Certificate of Appreciation Award.

By 1997, Naibe became KWHY TV's entertainment anchor/reporter where she interviewed high profile celebrities and anchored a nightly entertainment segment. In 2000, Naibe became part of a start-up team for 24-hour Spanish language cable TV station "Mas Arizona" in Phoenix, AZ. While there, she created and hosted two weekly entertainment / talk shows, "Mas Exitos" and "Cafe N ". Naibe went on to win a Best Talent Emmy for her work on "Mas Exitos". Naibe moved to Denver in 2002 to accept the position of reporter/fill in anchor on KWGN TV's WB News. She remained there until late 2003 when she was asked to audition for the position of co-host on ABC TV's "The View". In March 2004, Naibe joined Radiovisa Corporation, a 24-hour Spanish talk radio network as co-host and news anchor for their morning radio show as well as having her own weekly entertainment talk show called "Con Naibe" where she would

interview celebrities. The show aired on Los Angeles radio station 830 AM KMXE and was syndicated nationwide. From 2006 -2011, she was a Reelz channel host and correspondent, where she had her own popular and highly- rated weekly show "Twilight Weekly Spotlight".

She also filled in as Los Angeles correspondent for Univision's national entertainment show "Primer Impact" interviewing the biggest celebrities in the Spanish Language Market. Naibe is now a freelance correspondent for various Los Angeles outlets including Fox News Latino and CNN Espanol where her main duties are covering Lifestyle and Entertainment but also jumps in to do news when required.

Recently, Naibe produced and hosted CNN Espanol's Golden Globes and Oscar Specials.

Co-Hosts

Father and Daughter

Gerardo Mejia and Nadia Mejia



Gerardo Mejía -aka **Gerardo**, is an Ecuadorian-American rapper and singer who later became a recording industry executive at Interscope Records and is the proud father of Nadia Mejia. Gerardo's first major

appearance in show business was as Ricky in the 1987 feature film *Cant Buy Me Love* .He was later cast as the character Bird in the 1988 film *Colors*, about South Central Los Angeles gang violence.

His hit single "Rico Suave" appeared on his 1991 debut album, *Mo Ritmo*. The album hit #36 on the Billboard 200 chart in June 1991.

Now an A &R executive at Interscope Records, Gerardo was responsible for bringing Enrique Iglesias to the attention of Interscope Label Executives in early 1999. He also signed rapper Bubba Sparxxx. More recently, in a 2013 appearance on Katie Couric's show *Katie*, Gerardo discussed his newest life focus as a Christian youth pastor. He was recently ordained as a Pastor at Praise Chapel in Kansas City. Most recently Gerardo starred in VH1 's 2015 Reality Tv Show **Suave Says** following his life from rockstar to pastor.



Nadia Grace Mejia is an Ecuadorian-American model and beauty pageant titleholder who won Miss California USA 2016 and placed in the Top 5 at Miss USA 2016.

Mejia is the daughter of Ecuadorian musician Gerardo Mejia, best known for the 1990s song *Rico Suave*, and Kathy Eichmann, Miss West Virginia USA 1989 and appeared with her family on the VH1's reality television show *Suave Says*. Mejia works as a model and is signed to newMARK models in Los Angeles and Next Management in Miami, FL. She enjoys a healthy lifestyle, singing at church, traveling and working on her upcoming Youtube channel with her best friend.

Recipient of The 2nd Annual Young Entertainer LifeTime Achievement Award
KEVIN TANCHAROEN



Filmmaker, Writer ,Producer and Choreographer Kevin Tancharoen started his career as a child performer actor and dancer. He gained his recognition when he became choreographer for Madonna and Britney Spears' "Me Against the Music" video then later directed Britney Spears "The Onyx Hotel Tour", He also made creative contributions for Christina Aguilera, Jessica Simpson , Tyrese and even directed Michael Jackson's 45th birthday celebration.

In 2006 he directed ,co created with his sister Maurissa and coproduced with along side his sister and Jennifer Lopez the show Dancelife for MTV. In 2009 he made his feature film debut with the remake of the 1980's film Fame. In 2010 he directed the short film Mortal Kombat :Rebirth as a proof concept for his vision of a new Mortal Kombat feature. The release of his viral video Mortal Kombat it garnered millions of views in its first 24 hours that caught the attention of Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment . The ground breaking web series is the most viewed web series in the history of You Tube and set a new bar for digital programming.

Kevin also directed and produced the sequel to Mortal Kombat Legacy .

His feature film directing credits include Glee : The 3d Concert Movie, and is currently directing Marvels Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D, The Flash, Super Girl, 12 Monkeys, Prison Break Event Series, Iron Fist, Star , Midnight Texas and Legends of Tomorrow.

Recipient of The 2nd Annual Young Entertainer Scholarship Award & Live Performance By

MUSICALITY



Just seen as NBC'S hit show "Americas Got Talent" as (top 20 Semifinalist)

Musicality is a high school vocal ensemble from Chicago's own Curie High School, under the direction of Michael Gibson. Musicality was created as a safe haven for students to embrace their musical passion after school. Musicality has grown into an internationally famed vocal ensemble through their YouTube Channel "Musicality Vocal" as well as their recent appearances on Season 11 of NBC's hit show "America's Got Talent" (Top 20, Semifinalist). They are the recipient of a 2016 Hollywood Foreign Press Association grant. Other highlight performances include: Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park, The Art Institute for London Mayor Sadiq Kahn, Dwyane Wade's Chicago Has Talent at the Chicago Theater, Chicago's Birthday Celebration at The Chicago History Museum, Chase Tower, Navy Pier, Sheraton Chicago, and countless other venues throughout the Midwest.

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:
LINDSAY TAYLOR**



Lindsay Taylor was just seen dancing back up for International Super Star Lady Gaga at the Victoria Secret Fashion Show.

Lindsay got her start in the business at the young age of 4 when she started modeling for Ford Models in New York. She wanted to pursue an acting career, so she moved out to Los Angeles with her family when she was 8 years old. As soon as she got out to Los Angeles she fell in love with dancing and started training at The Edge, Millennium Dance Complex, and Debbie Reynolds. She started professionally dancing at the age of 9 and then started teaching kids/teen hip hop classes at Millennium Dance Complex when she was 10 years old and still teaches there to this day.

You can see her in movies such as 17 Again with Zac Efron, School Gyrls with Nick Cannon. TV shows Shake it Up, The Fresh Beat Band, Madison High, Children's Hospital, NCIS: LA, and Greek. Music Videos such as Aloe Blacc's: Love is the Answer, Bella & Zendaya's: Watch me, Lights Over Paris: Im Not a Gangsta.

Live performances such as the Billboard Music Awards for Carly Rae Jepsen, Meghan Trainor & Charlie Puth at The American Music Awards and the Glee Tour: Season 1. She has also Choreographed for Nickelodeon shows: Supah Ninjas and See Dad Run.

She will be lending her talents alongside her talented kids she teaches for an amazing production number at The 2nd Annual Young Entertainer Awards .

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:
SHAHADI WRIGHT JOSEPH**

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Shahadi Wright Joseph just starred in NBC's Hairspray Live as Little Inez. She performed alongside of Jennifer Hudson, Ariana Grande, Derek Hough, Maddie Baillio, Ephraim Sykes, and more. Shahadi Wright Joseph is a Vocalist, Actor, and Dancer. She is a fourth generation East New York resident and is now the Youngest actor to play Young Nala in the history of the Broadway Cast of Disney's The Lion King at the age of nine.

In Fall 2015, Shahadi joined the original Broadway cast of "School of Rock," playing the role of Madison, and understudied the role of Tomika, with performances recognized by the Audelco Theater Committee and earning her the 2016 Audelco Rising Star Award. Her 12 month experience with "School of Rock" also helped Wright Joseph discover her interest in mentoring young aspiring actors by facilitating musical theater workshops with A Class Act NY.

When Shahadi is not in the theater, she enjoys knitting hats and making videos with her sister, Sundari Adia Wright Joseph. She also loves to sing and re-imagine her favorite musical theater songs by creating medlies and posting them online.

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:
JAGMAC**



JAGMAC are: Jared, Angelique, Gabriel, Manjo, Alyssa, and CJ. The group of four brothers and two sisters were born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland (USA), With their catchy choruses, fabulous vocals, and spectacular dance routines, the band are set to take the world by storm. Their talents include: singing, dancing, choreography, song writing, rapping, piano, guitar, bass, drums, sign language, and martial arts – every member of the group holds a Black Belt in taekwondo and four members are also Black Belt, two-time World Champions in the Philippine martial art, Eskrima.

The group who are signed to De Angelis Entertainment, co-write all their songs and have been busy in the studio penning their album with a plethora of writers who include; **Manny Streetz** (KIIS FM's *On Air*), **Bryan Todd** (Miley Cyrus), **Pam Sheyne** (Christina Aguilera), **Mike Krompass** (Smash Mouth), **Lauren Christy** (formerly 'The Matrix'), **Sonny J Mason** (Ce lo Green), **Shelly Poole** (Alisha's Attic), **Ben Adams** (Craig David) and **Graham Edwards** (Justin Bieber / Rihanna) to name a few!

2016 got off to a brilliant start for the dynamic group, supporting Little Mix on their UK sell out arena tour! They wowed audiences with their stunning vocals and jaw-dropping moves.

Later that summer, JAGMAC were invited to perform at **Promo Only Summer Sessions** in Atlantic City, where they performed for the biggest A list radio programmers and DJs in the US. They followed in the footsteps of artists such as Lady Gaga, BeBe Rexha, Timbaland and Rita Ora who broke out following their performances at this event. It is one of the most important dance/club events in the US which is for industry and invite only.

The band's most recent single '*Soldiers*' reached #15 in Billboard's Hot Club Chart!

Recipient of the 2017 International Recording Artist
Angela and Leonardo Aguilar



Angela and Leonardo are the children of renowned International Singer and Multiple Grammy Award winner Pepe Aguilar and the grandkids of Singer and Actors Antonio Aguilar and Flor Sylvete. Both hailing from a musical and entertainment dynasty family they began performing and singing alongside their father prior to releasing their own individual albums and their debut duet album Nueva Tradicion.

Angela's first single La Chancla has garnered over 4 million views on YouTube and was the youngest musical artist to perform on MTV unplugged.

Both brother and sister are currently on a world tour and made time in their busy touring schedule to perform at The 2nd Annual The Young Entertainer Awards.

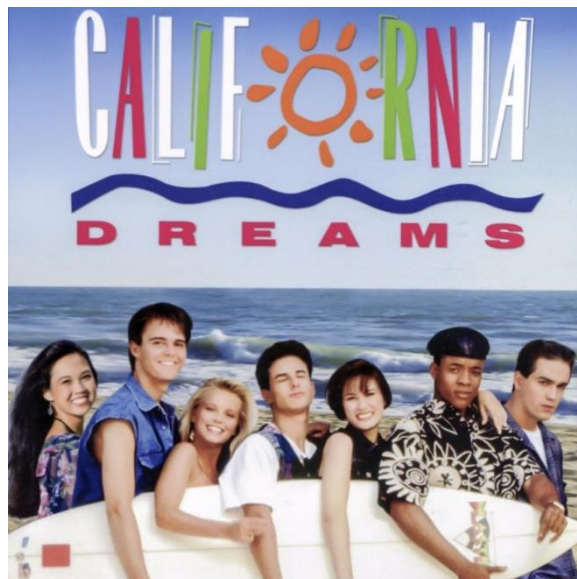


Presenter
Manny Streetz



Manny Streetz is a Producer, Actor, Songwriter and LA Radio Personality. Known on the radio as 'Manny on the Streets' from 102.7 KIIS FM. He's co-starred in numerous projects such as Nickelodeon's Sam & Cat and iCarly as well as ABC Studios TV Show Mixology and is an alumni of the ABC Diversity Talent Showcase.

The Cast of California Dreams



Presenter

Kelly Packard



Kelly Packard is an American actress and television personality. She is best known for her roles as Tiffany Smith on the NBC's 5 year hit Saturday Morning Tv show California Dreams as well as portraying the role April Giminski 2 years on the international hit tv show Baywatch and co-hosting Ripley's Believe It or Not! She also co-hosted the late segment of GSN Live

Packard also guest starred in the television series; The Wonder Years, Blossom ,Step by Step ,Boy Meets World and USA High.

Kelly loves being a mom to her four beautiful children.

Presenter
William James Jones



William James Jones was born in the Hyde Park neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois. He has two brothers - Alonzo Jones, III (a medical student) and Michael Alan. His mother, Lori Ann Jones is an administrator for a California children's hospital and his father Alonzo Jones, Jr. is a talented musician in his own right.

William is an accomplished singer, dancer and writer. He attended the High School of Performing Arts in Chicago. He appeared in several productions at the renowned Goodman Theater in Chicago. At fourteen years old he was chosen as for the a leading role in the play as Extremities (the rapist) and was a leading performer with the Pegasus Players. He played the role of Tony Wicks for four seasons on NBC'S favorite Saturday Morning show California Dreams, went on to star on USA High and made several guest appearances on Living Single, The District, The Pretender, Sabrina the Teenage Witch to name a few.

In 2000-2001, he wrote and directed a one-man show "Jones'N'" that was well received and highly lauded by the Los Angeles Times. In 2002, he focused on honing his craft as the director of his own theater company.

Earned a Master's Degree from Pepperdine University. Earning a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Pacifica in Santa Barbara in 2014

Presenter
Jennie Kwan



Jennie Kwan, a native Angelino, started performing at the age of 11 years old in the performing troupe, "Kids of the Century." Audiences first recognized Jennie when she played the lead role of "Kim" in the first National Touring Company of "Miss Saigon" having landed the coveted role after producer Cameron Mackintosh conducted a worldwide search.

Jennie was then introduced to television as series regular, Samantha Woo, the wacky singing sensation on NBC-TV's situation comedy, "California Dreams" which aired for five successful seasons and then onto world-wide syndication. Some of Jennie's other television credits include New Girl, Anger Management, and The Nanny. Some film credits include "Promoted", "Entourage", and "Trojan War." running nation-wide.

Jennie toured the United States with the Broadway Tony Award Winning Musical, First National Tour of "Avenue Q" getting the chance to play the role of "Christmas Eve." As well as becoming a puppeteer and playing the role of "Mrs. T", "Bears" and Others."

Not being a stranger to the music world, Jennie was a proud member of Hollywood Record's vocal group, "Nobody's Angel" with President of the YEA Awards Ali Wiener- who earned their first *gold record* for performing two songs on the "Princess Diaries" soundtrack in 2002 and was a creator for the pilot, "Nobody's Angel" for the television network ABC Family.

She lends her voice to the character, Suki, on Nickelodeon's hit animated series "Avatar: The Last Air Bender," as well as all video games for the series.

At the present time, Jennie resides in Los Angeles with her husband Matt and Brussels Griffon Calvin. She performs as Priscilla Poodle in kid's pop concert show Twinkle Time. She continues to work in all areas of the business as an actress, singer, dancer, voice over artist, and vocal coach.

Presenter
Dj Lela B



Lela Brown (AKA – DJ LELA B.) Born to entertain, this 14 yr old Radio Disney Show Host/Dj ,has been in the professional spotlight since the age of 2. A multilayered talent,Lela is a rare genuine child prodigy who possesses artistic gifts in music production, mixing, singing, rapping, acting, modeling, dj-ing and hosting.

As a young music artist and model she's been on NBC's America's Got Talent . While featured in the show Lela B reached the Radio City Music Hall's Semi -Finals and was dubbed "The Next Big Thing " by Howard Stern and his celebrity cohosts.

Presenter
Alisha Marie



YouTube phenomenon Alisha Marie is every girl's best friend, some will even call her their big sister. Alisha has grown to **4.7 million** subscribers on YouTube, where she loves to entertain her *Macbbies* with fun and comedic videos centered around life hacks, easy DIYs, awkward situations, and relatable life moments.

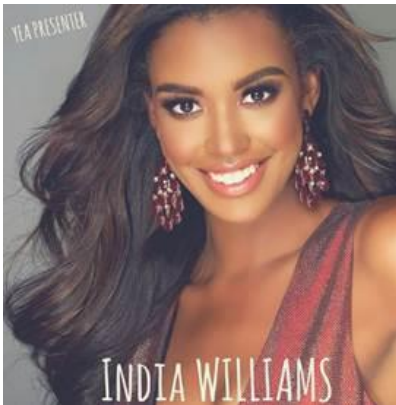
Presenter
Mia Stammer



Mia is a Los Angeles native and instills her Japanese culture throughout her content that inspires her daily beauty routine, DIY project's and fashionable threads. With over 3 million subscribers on YouTube she also shows her life on her daily vlog where she takes us around on her travel excursions, behind the scenes with her ultimate collabs and cuddle sessions with her lovable corgi Ken.

Presenter

India Williams



India Williams is the reigning Miss California USA 2017 from Lafayette, California. She will represent the golden state at the national Miss USA competition. She is a Junior at Loyola Marymount University where she has been on the Dean's list. She working to obtain a Bachelors of Arts in Business Entrepreneurship and aspires to pursue a degree in entertainment contract law. India is 20-years-old and has been studying Mandarin Chinese for the last five years! She was on cycle 22 of America's Next Top Model and Volunteers with a program called "The Incubator School." She also works closely with the "The Samburu Project" to provide clean and safe drinking water to communities in Kenya.

Official YEA Snapchat Take Over Host & Presenter

ASHLEY NICOLE



Ashley Nichole is a lifestyle travel vlogger and Social Media Influencer who has nearly 1 million subscribers across both of her YouTube channels: XoMissAshleyNichole, and AshleyNicholeVlogs.

Ashley is the sister of you tube sensation Alisha Marie.

Ashley teaches girls to be confident with in their own skin. Ashley Nichole was one of the redcarpet hosts for the first Young Entertainer Awards last year and will be presenting this year.

Official YEA Snapchat Take Over & Presenter
Taryne Renee



Taryne Renee is a YouTube and Social Media Influencer. She has been vlogging for over a year now and because of her success and fan following she recently launched a main channel. Taryne is passionate about empowering people to be confident and true to themselves, as well as reach out and help others. Taryne Renee was one of our Red Carpet hostess' at the 2016 Young Entertainer Awards.

Official YEA Red Carpet Host

ALEX ROSE WIESEL



Alex Rose Wiesel was born and raised in Del Mar, California and attended the conservatory for musical theatre at "AMDA" (The American Musical and Dramatic Academy). Graduating from their Los Angeles campus in December of 2007 and "The New School University", New York, where she received a BFA in Musical Theatre in the winter of 2009. She completed her Master's degree (MA Theatre Arts) at California State University, Northridge where she teaches undergraduate classes (2016). Alex is also a graduate of iO West's Improv program.

She's performed live in venues such as La Jolla Playhouse, Disney's El Capitan Theatre and at Universal Studios, Hollywood. She currently performs on the iO West mainstage with her all female improv team, "Pumps" and in the iO West Del Close Theatre with her sketch team, "The Cover Up." She has done sketch/comedy work on shows, such as Jimmy Kimmel Live!, After Lately, Chelsea Lately and Showtime's House of Lies: Flight Club. Alex was also recently seen on CW's Hart Of Dixie and CBS' Two And A Half Men.

Alex can also be seen in a variety of commercials, from Casio Cameras, Southwest Airlines, PNC Bank, Big 10 Network and a sexy Carl's Jr campaign, just to name a few. She likes to spend as much of her free time as possible at the beach and/or with her rescued dog, Victoria Markham.

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