

# Ballet Nevada Dancers Triumph at International Ballet Competition!

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Ballet Nevada LLC is proud to announce that three of our students attended Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP), a very prestigious international ballet competition, in the Bay area on February 27, 2009. One of those students, Lauren, has been invited to attend the YAGP Dance Intensive in New York City this April. Shaynee Copple (14), Lauren Janssen (13) and Julia Actis (11) have been training at Ballet Nevada specifically for this competition since early September, with professional Ballet Nevada Instructor Miss Jessica. The girls are very dedicated to their art, have danced long days, seven days a week for many months- and it paid off! They all received high scores in this competition that is extremely difficult, demanding and considered very prominent in the dance world.

Our girls danced with hundreds of dancers from all over the west coast including Alaska and Hawaii. They then attended a San Francisco Ballet performance of *Swan Lake*, and attended an all day workshop at the San Francisco Ballet School where they took classes from professional instructors/dancers from all over the world.

YAGP “is the world’s largest student ballet scholarship competition that awards over \$250,000 annually in scholarships to leading dance schools worldwide. The competition is held annually around the world and in New York City, and is open to dance students of all nationalities 9-19 years old” (yagp.org). YAGP judges and instructors are from world-renown companies such as American Ballet Theatre, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Joffrey Ballet, Boston Ballet and Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

“Now in its 10th Anniversary season, YAGP has awarded over 2 million in scholarships to the leading dance schools worldwide. Over 25,000 dancers worldwide have participated in YAGP’s international workshops, competitions, and audition classes. Over 200 YAGP alumni are now dancing with 50 companies around the world, including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet and San Francisco Ballet, among others. YAGP’s contributions to international dance education were recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) with a membership in UNESCO’s prestigious Conseil International de la Danse (CID)”. (yagp.org)

“The annually sold-out Youth America Grand Prix Closing Night Gala featuring YAGP finalists on the same program as the stars of the world’s leading dance companies, “Stars of Today Meet the Stars of Tomorrow,” will take place at New York City Center on Wednesday, April 22, 2009”. (yagp.org)