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THE MIRACLE THEATRE CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
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Reggie Whitehead, two-time Carbonell Award-Winning Actor and National Musical Theatre Director

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INDIVIDUAL VOCAL
BROADWAY/ JAZZ/ CLASSICAL

Anabelle Calles (14) has been exposed to Broadway, Contemporary and Salsa music, but Opera has always been the most fascinating style of music she’s heard. She is not technically famous (yet) but definitely is to her neighbors who always hear her screaming on her patio while practicing. Anabelle also loves painting, knitting and origami. She’s painted dogs, felines, horses and primates with oils, acrylics and watercolor. She has sung all over the world, using her green screen, of course, and enjoys video editing. Anabelle says “Do I laugh loud? I can’t help it: I’m a soprano!”

INDIVIDUAL VOCAL
POP/ ROCK/ RAP

Sofia Gomez (16) is a singer/songwriter who started to write songs at age 11 to express her thoughts and feelings with the rest of the world. It turned from a hobby to a passion at a really young age, and she loves to share it with the rest of the world. She was recently a contestant on American Idol during the 2021 season, where she gained an amazing experience and has been doing gigs ever since. Sofia is excited to continue pursuing her dream and sharing her passion with others.

Hannah Padilla (16) attends Coral Reef Senior High School’s chorus program. She enjoys dancing, playing the piano and guitar, but most of all, singing. Hannah started singing at around the age of three for family and loves performing. When she’s not Tik Toking, she’s uploading covers on Instagram. She’s grateful to participate in Young Talent Big Dreams and to be surrounded by so much talent.

Alyssa Nicole Pelaez (17) is an 11th grade Theatre Magnet student at Hialeah High School’s Conservatory for the Visual and Performing Arts. She has been singing since she was four years old, has competed in several local talent competitions, including Tri-Rail’s South Florida Kids Got Talent, and has auditioned for America’s Got Talent. In her current school, Alyssa has competed in the Florida State Thespian Festival for three years and has earned superiors each time for her solos. This year, she earned the highest score in her room for individual solo/musical, earning her Top Honors. Alyssa hopes to continue on with her craft and eventually have a career in acting. Her dream is to voice act as a Disney Princess.

Martina Travieso (13) was born in Caracas, Venezuela, and moved to Miami at the age of two. She started studying classical piano when she was four, and singing at the age of nine. In 2017, she became a member of The Little Dreamers Foundation and performed at the Fillmore Miami Beach. She was a Finalist of the Young Talent Big Dreams competition in 2018, and has performed several times with the Miami Symphony Orchestra including once at the Adrienne Arsht Center. Now she performs with the JECC under the guidance of Nicole Yarling, and wrote the lyrics for “La Cumbia de Robinson” in a collaboration project with Kuyayky.

INDIVIDUAL ORIGINAL COMPOSITION

Elisa Echeverri (13) is a singer/songwriter born in New York, who has been in love with music from an early age. She has been a lead
performer in local Broadway musical productions, participated in vocal workshops and performed in countless recitals. She started writing original songs when she was 11, and has progressed since then. Elisa had the amazing opportunity to record and release her first original single, “Can’t Get Enough,” in March. She plays the piano and is continually learning new ways to improve and grow with her music. Elisa is inspired by Taylor Swift, Ariana Grande and Lady Gaga, among others. In 2019, she was a YTBD Finalist and this year she’s back and ready to show everyone what she’s got!

Isabella Rose Sky (15) is an actor, singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. She earned her Equity card as a Swing on the First National Tour of School of Rock: The Musical. She has also performed on many stages across South Florida, alone and as a member of various local ensembles. When she’s not performing, Isabella enjoys crocheting, horseback riding and speedcubing. She has been homeschooled for the last five years which has given her the flexibility to pursue her passions.

Aitana Rodríguez (11) One note, two notes. Together, and many more of them, makes a melody. In this melody, there is a new world, full of excitement and happiness, and you can escape reality. This is the world, this is the magic that Aitana, born in Mexico and currently living in Miami, feels when she plays the piano. Since she learned to play the piano, she has a passion to play and create new pieces. Every key is just waiting to be touched and Aitana just can’t wait each day to play them and get into this world of adventure. Playing the piano is just one of Aitana’s many interests. She also likes sewing, writing, reading and simply going outside to breathe in fresh air.

**INDIVIDUAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

Maximo A. Canino (13) was born in Puerto Rico and moved to Florida in June 2015. He went to Key Biscayne Community School from second to fifth grade. He’s been in GW Carver Middle School since sixth grade. He loves Star Wars, cars and world history. Max has been playing piano since he was 7 years old with his teacher Amarylli Fridegotto. One of his goals is to design and build the “Canino Car.” He also likes to tell history jokes – even if his parents don’t always understand them!

Luka McLean-Gekic (10) is a pianist born in Miami, FL. Luka has perfect pitch which his parents discovered just after his 2nd birthday and has been performing at piano recitals since he was 3 years old. Both of his parents are musicians, his father a concert pianist and his mother his first piano teacher. Luka also loves to compose music and frequently writes new songs and performs on the piano. He is a scholarship recipient of the Coral Gables Music Club since 2018, and also loves kayaking, body-surfing the waves at the beach, and playing video games.

Matthew Isaac Peña (8) was diagnosed with autism at an early age and could not tolerate textured foods, noises and had trouble walking, among other things. He did not respond when called by his name but did show great interest when a musical instrument was in front of him. His father began to teach him music, and music would eventually become a very important tool in helping him overcome his condition. Today, Matthew has become an excellent musician. He plays guitar, piano, bass, drums, and also writes and produces his own music. He has just released his first musical single entitled “Nothing Impossible.” The song is written and directed by him and is now on all digital platforms. Also, currently he is doing very well in school and is in transition from special education to regular education.

**INDIVIDUAL DANCE**

Madison-Renee Anderson (11) is Jamaican, Italian, Irish and Black, and has been dancing since she was 6 years old. Fun fact: she was born at 32 weeks and only weighed three pounds at birth. Another fun fact is that she did not take her first steps until she was 18 months old. Other than looking up to her parents, she looks up to her teacher Ms. Andrea Solis of Thrive Performing Arts for teaching her how to dance and because Ms. Solis is the best dance teacher ever. Madison-Renee aspires to be an actress and dance professionally when she is older. Her favorite food is her dad’s Curry Chicken! Madison-Renee is grateful for this opportunity and congratulates all of her fellow YTBD Finalists.

Samantha C. Hernandez (13) took her first ballet class when she was just 2 and a half years old. Her mom put her in different activities, and in the summer of 2015, she went to a dance summer camp where she discovered that dance was her passion. Shortly after, Samantha joined the competition team and never looked back. The following year, she auditioned for a visual and performing arts school and became part of their dance magnet program and later joined their dance team. She has taken some amazing
dance intensives at Joffrey Ballet and Miami City Ballet. She also got accepted into the summer intensives at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Samantha trains in all forms of dance, but her favorites are Ballroom and Contemporary. She loves to show the world her individuality and passion for dancing because it allows her to express her most genuine self!

Luna Roseman (12) has a mother from Peru and a dad from the USA. She considers herself a Latin girl and a spontaneous and natural actress. Then she’d say that she is a rhythmic gymnast, dancer, model, ballerina, contortionist, flyer, aerial performer and handstand walker. Luna can do it all! She is an energetic, fearless and funny girl who never stops loving life and enjoying every step of the way. She’s done all of the above since she was about 4 years old, and currently concentrates more on Classical Ballet, training at VISCB since 2019. Recently, Luna was awarded a full scholarship from the Joffrey Ballet School in NYC to train for three weeks during the summer of 2021. Being exposed in many areas has given her life so much joy.

**GROUP VOCAL**

Isabella & Adiley

Isabella Velasquez (10) loves to sing, act and dance! She is a 4th grade honor student (gifted) at Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary. Presently, Isabella is the lead VO character “East” in Netflix’s animated musical adventure series for kids, Friends in Oz (9 Story Media Brown Bag Films). Earlier this year, Isabella sang and performed our national anthem for the NFL’s Miami Dolphins at the Dolphins Cancer Challenge XI, and performed at the Miami Beach Youth Music Festival at the North Beach Band Shell (2018, 2019, and 2021). In 2020, Isabella won Univision’s Pequeños Gigantes USA, and was among the 10 final singers in Univision’s Pequeños Gigantes 2020 in Mexico City, when the show was cancelled due to COVID-19. Later that year, Isabella also won the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce’s “Chamber’s Got Talent” competition. Adiley Tamayo (16) was born in Italy and has always had a passion for music. A student at Coral Reef Senior High School, she loves all aspects of the arts, and has been singing, acting and dancing from an early age, and has most recently taken up modeling. Adiley really wants to be able to achieve her dreams because there is nothing else in the world that can make her feel as happy as expressing herself through music. One of her many dreams is to make the music that she loves to inspire others and travel the world while singing.

**SAH Conservatory Musical Theater Group**

SAH MT, comprised of Brandon Flores (17), Fernando Flores (15), Isabella Hernandez (16), Dalila Lugo (16), Paloma Mariategui (16) and Valentina Ortiz (17), was born to give wings to this musical theater group that meets week after week to develop their skills in singing, dancing and acting as part of the SAH Conservatory of Dramatic Art (Hispano-American Acting Society). The theater group and acting school has over 14 years of bringing art to life in a bilingual way (Spanish/English). For the members of the SAH-MT, being selected as finalists gives them joy and fills them with pride to demonstrate the artistic talent of each of its members, a great artistic incentive.

Katerina Morin & Florencia Nieto

Katerina Morin (13) is a 7th grade student at Palmer Trinity School. She has lived her whole life in Miami, and has always loved music, especially singing. Katerina has been a part of the Miami Children’s Chorus for five years and has attended summer camp at Actors’ Playhouse for the past three years. She has also been a part of the Actors’ Playhouse Musical Miracles for two years. Between chorus, school plays, singing lessons, school choruses, theatre groups, and more, Katerina hopes to one day be a professional singer and use songwriting to share her passion with the world. Florencia Nieto (12) was born in Miami, Florida, and raised in Madrid, Spain. Ever since she was little, she loved singing and performing. Performing made her feel happy and fulfilled. The moment she was introduced to performing arts, she knew that it was what she wanted to do. When Florencia was 7 years old, she started taking lessons, singing in chorus, and participating in theatre to improve. Her favorite style of singing is musical theatre. It comes as no surprise that Florencia now loves watching, singing and performing in musicals!

**GROUP MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

The Sunset 4

Roaring from the king tides onto the shores of Miami Beach, comes The Sunset 4...the world’s youngest Beatles cover band! The four members: Oliver Lieberman, Zoe Lyons, Evangeline Lyons and Warren Bromley (all 12 years old), are lifelong residents of Miami Beach. The group has been performing at local venues and schools for the past three years and have mainly focused on charitable events to raise money in support of the local
elementary school (North Beach Elementary), where they all previously attended. The unlikeliness of four youngsters becoming a Beatles cover band has created a huge draw to their shows, which sometimes have up to 2,000 attendees in the audience!

**Martina & Isabella**

**Martina Travieso (13)** plays the piano, the guitar and sings. **Isabella Rose Sky (15)** is an actor, singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. The two met while working together at the Jazz Ensemble Community Coalition (JECC) under the guidance of Nicole Yarling. They performed together with the band and decided to form their own duo because of their chemistry and complementary voices.

**GROUP DANCE**

**Khootic**

**Akira Halliday (16)**, attends School for Advanced Studies and Kiyana Thomas (15) attends Turner Tech. They first met each other in elementary school at Gratigny Elementary and reconnected at a performing arts summer camp. They both have always had a passion for dance, music and the arts in general. Akira has a casual hobby of singing and Kiyana enjoys drawing in her free time.

**AP Mays MS Dancers**

**AP Mays MS (Middle School) Dancers**

**Emily Luna-Martinez (14), Jamilah Miller (14) and Nyla Smith (12)** all attend Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts. They started dancing together in their 2nd period dance class this year. These talented young dancers learned this breathtaking piece as part of their Alvin Ailey Unit. The dancers would like to thank their teacher and choreographer, Ms. Sylvia Padron, for exposing them to diverse dance styles including Classical Ballet, Jazz and Modern. The dancers are proud to represent Young Talent Big Dreams in 2021.
GRAND PRIZE
$500 Cash Award sponsored by Actors’ Playhouse plus Four Tickets to Universal Orlando and a Hotel Stay for Two Nights courtesy of WSVN

1st Place Cash Awards sponsored by The Coral Gables Rotary Club

YOUNG TALENT BIG DREAMS JUDGES

Christina Alexander, Executive Director, Voices Unlimited, Inc.
Kori Alfred, Music Director for the.createdAt Award recipient
Michael Andrews, Executive Artist Director, South Beach Chamber Ensemble
David Arisco, Artistic Director, Actors’ Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre
Jacqueline Neher Briceno, Co-Director at Adriana Barreto Acting Studio and Founder and Artistic Director of Cansens Miami Arts
Oscar Bustillo, Performing Artist, Adjunct Professor of Music Theory at MIU Kendall Campus, and Member of the Miami Free Arts Academy
Eduardo Celnino, Singer and Musicologist; and Founder of Voice Atelier
Howard Cohen, Feature Writer, The Miami Herald,
Michael Day, Musical Director and Educator with over 25 years of experience
Zipporah Hayes, Professional Recording Artist, Producer of Entourage Expo
Keirin Jean-Pierre, Professional Dancer, Choreographer, teacher and Actress
Vivien Maria Lopy, Emmy-ennomiated and six-time Davey Award-winning Radio & TV Personality who is the host of Coolaboodles on Young Miami
Karen Peterson Corsach, Founder, President and Artistic Director, Karen Peterson and Dancers
Ruby Romero-Issac, Executive Director/CEO, Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida
Finn Pasol, Choreographer, Dancer and Artistic Director, Ballet Flamenco La Rosa
Kanya C. Rowley, Founder and Artistic Director of New Sings and Music Access Program Runner-up at The Miami Foundation
Lionel Solinas, Artistic Director of the Miami Children’s Choir and CEO/Founder of My Music Match
Dominique Scott, International Touring Artist, Carbonell Award recipient, and Hallow Spirit Studios Owner and Producer
Barbara Singe, one of the Founders of Miami City Ballet, Assistant Dean for Academic Support at St. Thomas University School of Law
Andrew Stiles, Dancer, Teacher, Choreographer and Founder of these Performing Arts
Reggie Whitehead, two-time Carbonell Award-Winning Actor and National Musical Theatre Director
Notasha Williams, Professional Dancer NHSW and Alumni of Jacob’s Pillow
Yaya, Singer, Songwriter, Multi-instrumentalist, Producer and Recipient of the Cubabooz Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 SEMIFINALISTS!

Individual Vocal (Broadway / Jazz / Classical)
Zoe Asstil (15) Tuft West Classical Academy
Andalatte Callens (15) Miami Lakes Middle School
Sarah Elena Collier (9) Ephexy School
Agustina Coretti (17) Immokalee to South High School
Alessandra Fonseca (17) Coral Reef Senior High School
Covadonga Martinez de Sarasa (17) IAT Academy
Lianna Montesilva (15) Hialeah Gardens Middle School
Maria Masi (14) Hialeah Middle School
Nicole Ramilla-Amendola (15) Westminster Christian School
Lauren Zanarini (17) Karamo Everglades School

Individual Vocal (Pop / Rock / Rap)
Yoelis Almonte (18) North Gardens High School
Sarah Maria Cooper (14) Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelita Glazer
Sofia Gomez (16) Coral Academy Charter High School
Loius Eduardo Iglesias (13) Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelita Glazer
Elina Jelinek (10) South Miami Prep
Nina Marie (12) Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School
Katerina Morin (13) Palmer Trinity School
Hannah Padilla (16) Coral Reef Senior High School
Alyssa Nicole Pelaez (18) Hialeah Senior High School
Martina Taviozo (13) Miami Arts Charter School
Camilla Villafuerte (16) Hialeah Gardens Elementary

Individual Original Composition
Valerie Marie Alonso (17) TERRA Environmental Research Institute
Eliana Echevarri (14) Miami Arts Charter School
Altane Rodriguez (12) IAT Academy
Isabella Rose Sky (15) Florida Virtual School

Individual Musical Instrument
Sofia Arista (16) New World School of the Arts
Nicolas Behrman (17) Coral Gables Senior High School
Sum Bunnell (16) Palmer Trinity School
Maximo A. Canino (13) G.W. Carver Elementary School
Alicia Lindner (15) TERRA Environmental Research Institute
Daniel Llaneta Rosero (16) Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelita Glazer
Michelle Milette (15) Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
Matthew Isaac Peña (18) Hollywood Elementary School
Christopher Rocha (11) Coral Gables Preparatory Academy
Allison Roque (9) Miami Music Stars
Mila Singer (10) Homeschool
Jude Vega (14) John F. Kennedy Senior High School
Kirsten Wilfong (11) Ponce de Leon Academy
Sienna Zaydon (15) Homeschool
Sophia Zaydon (17) Homeschool

Individual Dance
Krystal Alvare (19) Southside Elementary School
Madison-Renee Anderson (12) Pembroke Pines Charter School
Samantha C. Hernandez (13) Coral Academy Preparatory School
Gianna Press (10) Archimedes Academy
Luna Rosseman (13) Miami Arts Charter School

Group Vocal
Brendon Flores (17) New World School of the Arts (SAH Conservatory Musical Theater Group)
Fernando Flores (15) New World School of the Arts (SAH Conservatory Musical Theater Group)
Isabella Hernandez (16) Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelita Glazer (SAH Conservatory Musical Theater Group)
Dalia Lugo (16) New World School of the Arts (SAH Conservatory Musical Theater Group)
Paloma Marisategui (16) Riviera Preparatory School (SAH Conservatory Musical Theater Group)
Katherine Martin (13) Palmer Trinity School (Katherine Moore & Florence Nieto)
Florencia Nieto (12) Palmer Trinity School (Katherine Moore & Florence Nieto)
Valentin Ortiz (17) New World School of the Arts (SAH Conservatory Musical Theater Group)
Adley Tamayo (16) Coral Reef Senior High School (Isabella & Ashley)
Isabella Velasquez (10) South Pointe Elementary School (Isabella & Ashley)

Group Musical Instrument
Warren Bromley (13) Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School (The Sunset 4)
Oliver Liebermann (12) Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School (The Sunset 4)
Zoe Lyons (12) Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School (The Sunset 4)
Evangeline Lyons (12) Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School (The Sunset 4)
Isabella Rose Sky (15) Florida Virtual School (Ultratones & Isabella)
Martina Taviozo (13) Miami Arts Charter School (Martina & Isabella)

Group Dance
Akiine Hullfeld (16) School for Advanced Studies (Khasotic)
Emily Luna Martinez (14) Arthur & Polly MPs Conservatory of the Arts (AP MPs MS Dancers)
Jamilah Miller (14) Arthur & Polly Mp's Conservatory of the Arts (AP MPs MS Dancers)
Nyle Smith (12) Arthur & Polly Mp's Conservatory of the Arts (AP MPs MS Dancers)
Kiyanne Thomas (15) William H. Turner Technical Arts High School (Khasotic)
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