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BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ANU JINADU '22 AS YOUNGARTS AWARD WINNER

Baltimore School for the Arts' Student Anu Jinadu '22 Among 720 Early Career Artists from Across the Nation that Will Receive Unparalleled Creative and Professional Development Support Throughout Their Careers

Baltimore, MD (December 7, 2021) – Baltimore School for the Arts congratulates student Anu Jinadu '22 on receiving a 2022 **YoungArts Award** for her caliber of artistic achievement. Jinadu is among 720 of the most accomplished young visual, literary and performing artists from throughout the county. Selected through the organization's prestigious competition, YoungArts award winners, all 15–18 years old or in grades 10–12, are chosen for their caliber of artistic achievement by esteemed discipline-specific panels of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process. YoungArts award winners gain access to one of the most comprehensive programs for artists in the United States, in which they will have opportunities for financial, creative and professional development support throughout their entire careers. A complete list of the 2022 winners is available online at [youngarts.org/winners](https://www.youngarts.org/winners).

“We are thrilled to announce this year’s YoungArts award winners—an extraordinary group of promising, accomplished young artists—and congratulate each of them on this exciting milestone in their artistic careers,” said Executive Director Jewel Malone. “YoungArts empowers artists to pursue a life in the arts beginning at the critical time when many are faced with decisions about life after high school. We are proud to support these young artists at the beginning of their journeys and look forward to becoming a resource for them at all stages of their careers.”

Principal Cauthen: “I have known Anu Jinadu and taught her in Theatre since she was in Middle School. I'm so happy for her. She is such a hard worker and deserves the accolades that come from such a prestigious award. I'm excited to see what the future holds for Anu!”

YoungArts awards are given in three categories: Finalist, Honorable Mention and Merit. This year, YoungArts award winners will have the opportunity to learn from leading artists such as vocalist La Tanya Hall, visual artists Loni Johnson and Yashua Klos and award-winning writer Dr. Joan Morgan. YoungArts award winners become eligible for exclusive creative and professional development support including a wide range of fellowships, residencies and awards; microgrants and financial awards; virtual and in-person presentation opportunities in collaboration with major venues and cultural partners nationwide; and access to YoungArts

Post, a free, private online platform for YoungArts artists to connect, collaborate and discover new opportunities.

YoungArts award winners join a distinguished group of accomplished artists such as Daniel Arsham, Terence Blanchard, Camille A. Brown, Timothée Chalamet, Viola Davis, Amanda Gorman, Judith Hill, Jennifer Koh, Tarell Alvin McCraney, Andrew Rannells, Desmond Richardson and Hunter Schafer.

The YoungArts competition is open to artists 15-18 years old (or in grades 10 – 12). For more information about becoming a YoungArts award winner [click here](#).

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About YoungArts

YoungArts was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison to identify the most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary and performing arts and provide 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.

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