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## USA TODAY and Gannett Kick-off the 2015 US Young Lions Competitions, Adding New PR Competition to the Launch

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MCLEAN, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 20, 2015-- USA TODAY and Gannett Co., Inc. (NYSE: GCI), official US representative to the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, today announced the kickoff of the 2015 US Young Lions competitions. The Young Lions competitions offer young creative minds from around the world an opportunity to compete against each other and showcase their talent globally.

In addition to the Cyber, Film, Media and Print categories, USA TODAY and Gannett will be launching a new US PR Young Lions competition with the support of the PR Council. The winning US teams will be sponsored to compete in the Global Young Lions Competitions, which will take place during the week of the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity. The Festival is considered the largest gathering of worldwide advertising professionals, designers, digital innovators and marketers. The 2015 US Young Lions competitions are open to teams of two young professionals 28 years old or under who are employed by an advertising company or agency, or media company in the US.

All registration and competition details can be found at <u>canneslions.usatoday.com</u>. The deadline for registration is February 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm ET. The competitions will run from January through May. The Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity will be held June 21-27, 2015, in Cannes, France.

Participating US Young Lion Sponsors include: DigitasLBi for Cyber; Pereira & O'Dell for Film, Spark for Media, and the PR Council for PR. USA TODAY sponsors the Print competition.

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