The 32nd annual Tennessee Arts Academy gave us some of the best and brightest talent we’ve ever had! Along with our incredible faculty, we welcomed amazing musers and performers, proving how powerful the arts can be.

Libby Larsen and Jon Moody shared their approach to their own creative processes, and discussed how they are able to find the inspiration to be continually creative, and to share their love of the arts with others. Tony Walton and Laura Osnes outlined their own unique journeys, and how they blazed their own personal trails to unparalleled successes and achievements in the arts world.

Below are some valuable words of wisdom shared throughout the week. Take these with you throughout your 2018-2019 school year.

Go teach! Go inspire! Go empower!

“In my own personal journey, it was encouragement that was so important for me... it comes from the people around you — professors and teachers like you. It takes the smallest sentence of ‘I believe in you’ or ‘you can do this,’ to shape someone’s life.” – JON MOODY

“The only skill we have to have is the skill to be alive. Everything else is perception... We don’t have to give [this skill] to our students. We just have to bring it out of them.” – LIBBY LARSEN

“Education [has the] power to inspire, heal and empower, especially through the arts.” – LAURA OSNES
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