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Announcements

Today’s 11:20 AM performance will take place in Belmont’s McAfee Concert Hall. (The space was formerly the Belmont Heights Baptist Church Sanctuary.) To reach McAfee Concert Hall, walk south on Belmont Blvd about 2 blocks from the Curb Center where we eat breakfast. You’ll pass the International Market and (in the next block) the Troutt Theatre. Come in one of the front doors of McAfee Hall. (It has small magnolia trees in large urns out front, and you can see the steeple from several blocks away).

The Finale Luncheon tomorrow is at 11:30 AM in the Curb Event Center Arena. During this last Academy Special Event, we will share activities and accomplishments and be challenged to go into the world with renewed knowledge, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose. Be sure to look carefully at your Friday morning schedule since it will be altered to accommodate this final event.

Group Photos of teachers from West Tennessee will be taken after the mid-day performance. All group photos will be posted at: [http://www.tennesseeartsacademy.org/photos-videos/photo-gallery.aspx](http://www.tennesseeartsacademy.org/photos-videos/photo-gallery.aspx) by Friday. If possible, please submit one copy of your group’s picture to your local newspaper once you return home. This publicity will inform readers of your commitment to excellence in arts education.

Friday Check-Out: Please plan to check out of the Residence Hall by 11:00 AM on Friday. Participants will not be able to check out after the luncheon as was permitted in previous years. As a friendly reminder, please be sure to leave kitchenettes as they were found, with appliances clean and no food left in the refrigerator.

Special Opportunities

Second Annual Arts Vendor Fair and TAA Carnival! Academy participants and all interested arts teachers across the state are invited to attend the TAA Arts Vendor Fair TODAY in the Beaman Student Life Center from noon until 6:00 PM. The Vendor Fair will offer display booths from leading music, theatre and visual art vendors and arts-related organizations. A special TAA Carnival will occur during an expanded Thursday afternoon break period from 3:05 PM to 3:50 PM. Peanuts, popcorn, popsicles, live music and juggling acts will help enliven the afternoon.

Arts Vendor Fair attendees who obtain stamps from every vendor on their passports will be entered into a drawing for prizes donated by our generous vendors. Completed passports must be turned in no later than 6:00 PM to the Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation vendor fair table. Winners will be announced at the Finale Luncheon on Friday.

Ice Cream Social: All bidding winners, donors to the Silent Auction, and Alumni members are invited to enjoy a sweet treat! This event will take place at 5:15 PM in the Beaman Student Life Center.

Today is the last chance to bid on the interesting and valuable items that are on the tables in the Dining Hall. Bid often...bid high! Remember that all proceeds support the ongoing work of the Academy. Bidding will close at the end of lunch and winners will be posted in each 3:10 afternoon break area. Please plan to pick up items you’ve won between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM at the Ice Cream Social in the Beaman Student Life Center.
Recap & Reflections

Quotes from the Bravo Banquet

“Let’s have fun!” - Frank Bluestein
“Bravo!!!” - Teachers

“And all the teachers said...” - Madeline Bridges
“Bravo!!!” - Teachers

“The only thing Aaron Lazar wanted to do while he was in Nashville, other than his show, was to sit down with Richard Maltby all evening so he could be in the presence of a living legend.”
- Frank Bluestein paraphrasing Aaron Lazar

Quotes from our Muser, Richard Maltby, Jr.

“We had a hobby club (at school), of which I was the only member.”

“Do anything. You never know what you’re going to learn from what you do.”

“The most important thing you can do with talented kids is give them an opportunity to be talented and follow their ideas.”