Announcements

Instead of a performance, the featured midday Academy event on Tuesday is a Gallery Tour of these outstanding exhibits: *Those of Us Still Living* by Jim Arendt, *Tennessee’s Best of the Best Student Art Exhibition*, and *Connections: Tennessee Art Education Association Member Exhibition*. Follow the mid-day schedule for viewing the exhibits and for lunch as printed on your Tuesday daily schedule.

Don’t miss the official *Opening Reception* and *Art Crawl* from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. this evening and the following fabulous events!

- **Student and Teacher-Artist Recognition Ceremony**
  - 5:45 p.m.
  - Leu Center for the Visual Arts
- **Artist Talk with Jim Arendt**
  - 6:45 p.m.
  - Leu Art Gallery in the Lila D. Bunch Library

Be sure to sign up for table seating for Wednesday night’s Bravo Banquet and Performance. Sign-up easels will be located near the Academy Office table at Breakfast and Lunch today (Tuesday). (The deadline for sign-up is mid-day on Tuesday). Check your Wednesday afternoon Break area to receive your banquet table number assignment.

While you’re signing up for the Bravo Banquet and Performance, don’t forget to purchase a ticket for the TAA NYC Fundraiser. Winners will receive an all-expense paid weekend trip to NYC for two that includes airfare, hotel, dinner and a Broadway show of your choice.

On Friday, the Academy will honor arts education colleagues who have died during the past year with a moment of silence. Please give any names for the “In Memoria” listing to the TAA office representative at breakfast or lunch. The deadline for including a name in the Finale Lunch program is mid-day on Wednesday.

- **Group Photo:** Please plan to gather with other teachers from your county or school system for a group photo after the mid-day performance based on the following schedule:
  - Wednesday — Middle Tennessee
  - Thursday — West Tennessee
  - Teachers from the “county/school system of the day” should remain seated following the performance as they will be dismissed by school system to allow picture-taking to move quickly.

Special Opportunities

Did you know that anyone with a TAA name tag can get into the Frist Center for the Visual Arts for free this week? Hours during the remainder of the week are Tues through Wed: 10 am to 5:30 pm and Thurs through Fri: 10 am to 9 pm.

Also, don’t forget that coupons were distributed that grant you free admission to the Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art. The coupons allow you to visit during the day for the remainder of the week between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm at no cost.

Silent Auction: Bidding begins Tuesday during lunch and will continue through lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.
Academy participants and all interested arts teachers across the state are invited to attend the TAA Arts Vendor Fair on Thursday 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 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Peanuts, popcorn, popsicles, live music and juggling acts will help enliven the afternoon. Those who obtain stamps from every vendor on their passports will be entered into a drawing for prizes donated by our generous vendors.

Quotes from Our Muser, Migon Dunn

"Placido (Domingo) could probably put this bottle, my glasses’ case, and my shoe together and make beautiful music."

“If you don’t just have to do it (singing), then don’t do it.”

“A role is really not yours until you’ve sung it at least ten times.”

“When you’re a singer, you can’t put your voice down like you put a good book down and pick it up three weeks later.”

“I don’t care what you do. You can ride bareback in a circus, but do it well.” - Mignon’s mother