Wednesday, July 15, 2015

**Announcements**

**SPECIAL EVENT:** We’re all looking forward to Bravo! The TAA Awards Banquet and Performance, which begins tonight at 6:30 p.m., in the Curb Event Center Arena. Doors open at 6:15. If you come early, you can relax in the lower area of the Beaman Student Life Center where we have breakfast each morning or in the small lobby leading into the Curb Center from the garage. You’ll enjoy a wonderful night of food, fun, recognitions, and a special performance by Aaron Lazar! And remember, you are the primary guests of honor! **Please check your Wednesday afternoon Break area to receive your banquet table number assignment for the evening.**

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 “region of the day” should remain seated following the performance as they will be dismissed by school system to allow picture-taking to move quickly.

The TAA welcomes Hayley Creek as our new Social Media Assistant! **Please email your photos of TAA happenings this week to hayley.m.creek@gmail.com, so she can post and share with the entire Academy!**

On Friday at the Finale Luncheon, we want to **recognize with a moment of silence any member of the arts education community in Tennessee who has passed away during the past year.** Please submit the name of any arts teacher, administrator, or advocate that you would like us to recognize to the TAA table at breakfast or lunch. We need: (a) name, (b) school system, (c) identification (e.g., visual art teacher, principal, community supporter, etc.). **We need this information BY MID-DAY TODAY!**

**Thursday’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).

**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 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.

**Silent Auction:** Bidding will close after lunch on Thursday, and winners will be posted in each 3:10 afternoon break area. **Please plan to pick up anything you’ve won at the Ice Cream Social.**

**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 p.m. on Thursday in the Beaman Student Life Center.
Recap & Reflections

Quotes from our Muser, Andrew Saftel

"Life is like a big pyramid. Behind us are all of these generations that have gone through all of these things, and here we are at the top, making all of those generations proud."

"This is my place. The gym is their place. The library is their place. But the art room—that was my place."

"If not now, when?"

"Imagination is like a muscle. You have to work it."

"It is important that we have a river of makers coming through the world, and you guys are responsible for that."

Visitor’s Day

Wednesday is officially designated “Visitor’s Day” at the Academy! Please help our visitors find their way around campus!

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