Thursday's Performance

Portara Ensemble
Vocal Ensemble

11:20 AM
McAfee Concert Hall

Thursday’s Muser

Stephanie J. Block

1:10 PM
Massey Concert Hall

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 midday performance. All group photos will be posted at: 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 prior to your first class and bring linen packs and keys to the lobby on Friday. 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

Third 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 4:30 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 4:30 PM to the Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation vendor fair table. Winners will be announced at the Finale Luncheon on Friday. Academy participants/faculty must be present at the Finale Luncheon to win.

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 and Performance

When I think about that 11-year old who wanted to be on Broadway, I think of a teacher and she said, “inch by inch, it’s a cinch.” - Stephanie J. Block

You are THE guests of honor...and not just because of what we hope you’ll go home and do with your students...just because you deserve to be as pampered as possible. So this event is indeed for you. - Madeline Bridges

What we need is more people who specialize in the impossible. - Theodore Roethke as quoted by Frank Bluestein

What makes tonight so special is that in this one room, in this one moment in time, we have gathered an audience composed of the most creative, caring, hardworking, talented, and intelligent educators from across the state of Tennessee. They specialize in the impossible. They do it every day. - Frank Bluestein

Quotes from our Muser, Andrew Lippa

Performing art is the only art form that has to include me...it doesn’t happen without somebody doing it...nothing replaces the live experience.

Now I’m really off topic, but I am on fire!!!

If you can’t fix it, feature it. (Lippa quoting his colleague)