The 31st 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. Christine Brewer and Christopher Durang detailed the powerful impact of arts teachers, while Robert Mankoff and Bryce Pinkham brought an equal dose of humor and grace to their incomparable presentations. Below are some valuable words of wisdom shared throughout the week. Take these with you throughout your 2017-2018 school year. Be inspired. Meet challenges. Make a difference!

“It’s not about reaching a certain place, it’s about learning as much as you can.”
– BRYCE PINKHAM

“Creativity is not only about their [the youth’s] future, but all of ours.”
– ROBERT MANKOFF

“I’ve been so blessed to have the career that I’ve had and it all started with these music teachers in these small towns that saw something in me.”
– CHRISTINE BREWER

“Yes: What an empowering word and empowering feeling.”
– FRANK BLUESTEIN

AWARD RECIPIENT
MARGARET CAMPBELLE-HOLMAN
Joe W. Giles
Lifetime Achievement Award

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
JIM DODSON
Recognition of TAA Outstanding Service and Achievement

PERFORMANCE
2017 ARTS ACADEMY CHORALE
Christine Bass, Conductor
Will Berger, Accompanist

The Awakening
By Joseph M. Martin

It Takes a Village
By Joan Szymko

Will the Circle Be Unbroken
Arr. J. David Moore
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