Thursday’s 11:30 am performance will take place in Belmont’s TOTALLY RENOVATED new McAfee Concert Hall. (The space was formerly the Belmont Heights Baptist Church Sanctuary.) This space is truly fabulous with amazing acoustics for classical music performance. 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 a.m. 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 prior to the first class on Friday or between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. 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

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 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 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 between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Black and White Dining room, adjacent to where the Celebration Reception was held on Sunday.

Recordings by last night’s amazing banquet performers, Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley, can be found at Amazon.com. Their full-length CD, Opposite You, as well as single downloadable tracks of various Broadway standards are available for purchase.
Quotes

“So Marc...if anyone should ask what in the world you were doing down in Tennessee this week, you can simply tell them you were getting your first Academy Award.” - Frank Bluestein

“When you approach whatever it is you’re going to do, it must be an all-consuming passion.” - Marc Cherry

Re: Actors/Actresses: “The first year, they work for you. The second year, you work together. The third year, you work for them.” - Marc Cherry

“When I was a child in many ways the world was a drab and colorless place, and then I found music and I found theatre and I found my color.” - Marc Cherry

“I accept this award because I consider all of you to be doing the Lord’s work in your own magnificent way.” - Marc Cherry

No artist is pleased. There is no satisfaction whatever at any time. There is only a queer, divine dissatisfaction, a blessed unrest that keeps us marching and makes us more alive than the others.” - Martha Graham as quote by Marc Cherry