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## Academy News and Notes!

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021

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Each day this week, TAA will provide all participants with an update filled with **News and Notes**, reflecting on what you have learned and anticipating what is in store.

Let us know if you have any news or information to share that we can include in the daily newsletter. This will keep everyone up to date and will help make sure that we can stay in communication with our entire TAA Community!

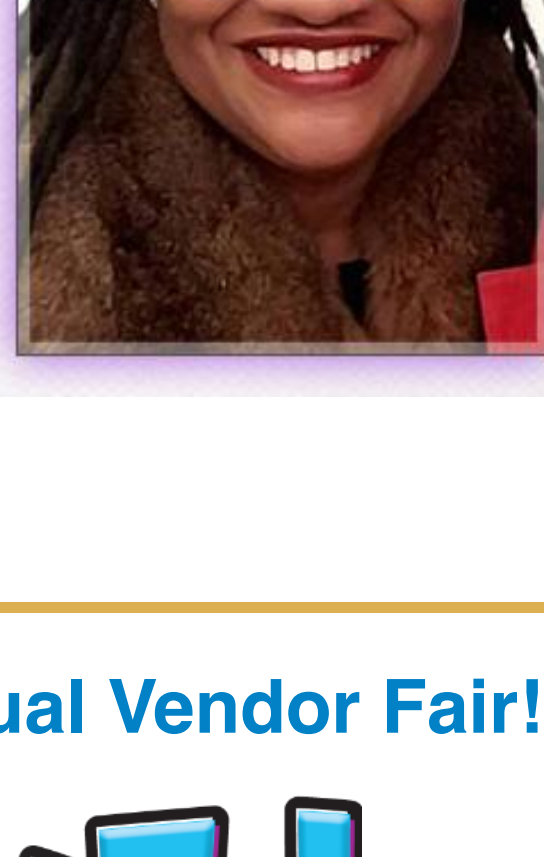
Please email any information you would like to include to [taa@belmont.edu](mailto:taa@belmont.edu).

### TODAY'S MUSER!

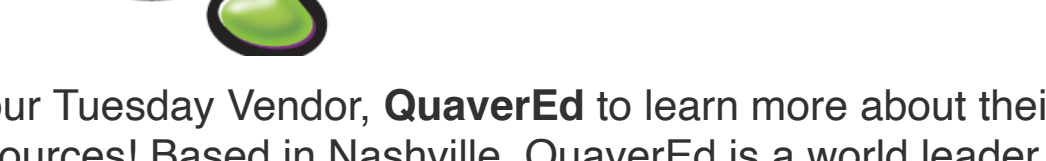
**Beverly McIver**  
Tuesday, July 13 at 1:00 PM  
(CST)

For more information on the TAA Musing with Beverly McIver, please [click here](#).

The appearance of Beverly McIver is made possible by generous gifts from Pinnacle Financial Partners, Solie Fott, and Rena Eltzy.



### New for 2021 – TAA Virtual Vendor Fair!



Meet with our Tuesday Vendor, **QuaverEd** to learn more about their great teacher resources! Based in Nashville, QuaverEd is a world leader in online curriculum development for grades Pre-K to 8. Their curriculum resources encompass all music teaching pedagogies. [Click here](#) to see all their online resources.

Please "Zoom" in to see them from 8:30-9:00 AM before your opening core session or from 2:00-2:30 PM after today's Musing session!



### Quotable Quotes!

"The professor said "Step away from the instrument!" He thought I was a member of the janitorial staff. But what's wrong with a Mexican maid playing Ravel? I realized that in a moment I could be judged."

"Teachers are the peacemakers and cultural ambassadors in this country."

"I would not have had the audacity to do all this if it were not for my teachers. I think this is a uniquely American phenomenon."

"I would sometimes remove my hearing aid. In the absence of sound, you notice the physicality of the music."

~ The Above Quotes Come From Gabriela Lena Frank's Monday Afternoon Musing

### Recommended Reading

Click the button below to read the New York Times article written by Gabriela Lena Frank as she mentioned in her Monday Musing!

[Read The Article Here](#)

### Since You Asked!

**Steven Banks** graciously agreed to reply to questions he was unable to answer during the Sunday Performance. Just click on this link below to read his responses.

[Steven's Responses To Q+A](#)

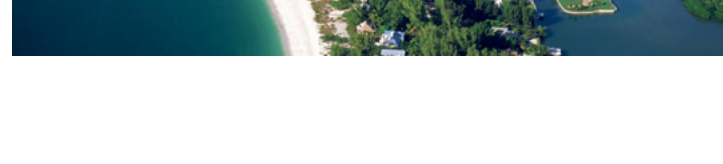
### Ready, Set, Bid!

Bidding for the TAA 2021 Online Auction is fast and furious! The auction features incredible island getaways, hand-painted guitars, family fun trips and more! Don't miss out on these fantastic offers!

### Dreaming Of The Beach?

**Bid On Our Fantastic Vacation Packages To These Amazing Beaches!**

[St. Lucia](#) - Board 9 - #911  
[Antigua](#) - Board 9 - #904  
[Barbados](#) - Board 9 - #907  
[Panama](#) - Board 9 - #912  
[Sanibel Island, FL](#) - Board 9 - #901  
[Sandestin, FL](#) - Board 9 - #910



**Be Sure To Check Out These Two Hand-Painted Artist Guitars Below!**



Board 8 - #806



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[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE TAA AUCTION SITE!](#)

### Remembering Joe Sills

On Sunday afternoon, Frank Bluestein memorialized band director Joe Sills in his opening speech to Academy participants. Mary Crider, who is a 2021 TAA Music participant, was a student of Joe Sills. She sent in this wonderful comment for us to share:

*Joe Sills, my former band director, was a remarkable man that did indeed influence all of us for the entirety of our lives. His favorite saying was "if you're early you're on time and if you're on time, you're late." I have been early to almost every single event, appointment, gathering, etc. since high school and I am 58 now. I was one of the 28 that made it to that funeral and played the music he requested for his own funeral. I would have moved mountains to get there to pay tribute to him one last time for all he did for me.*

### Classroom Housekeeping!

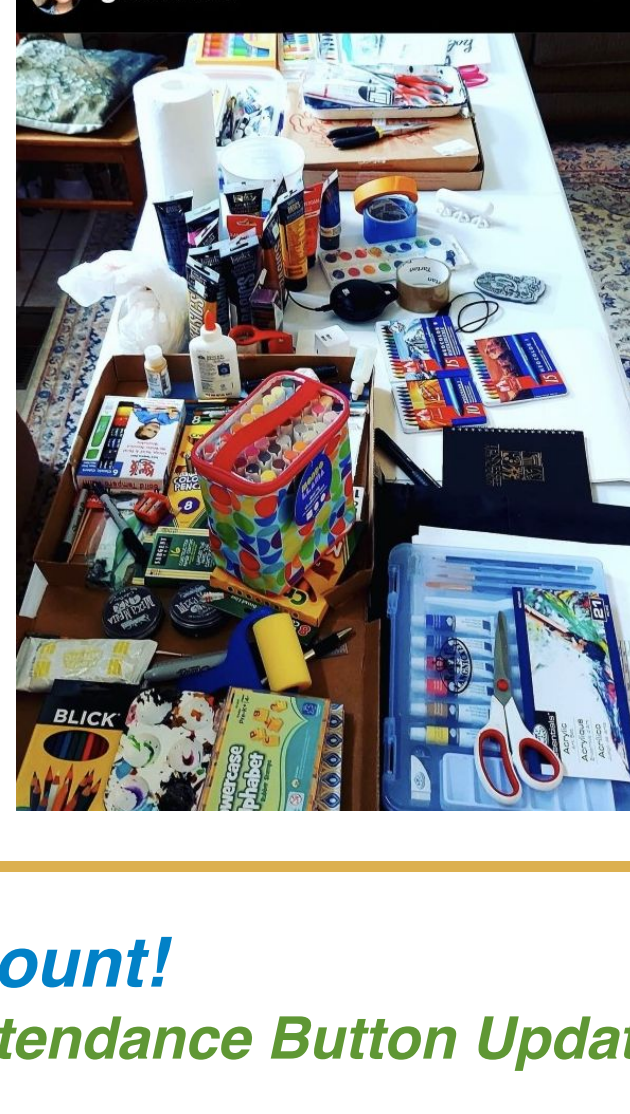
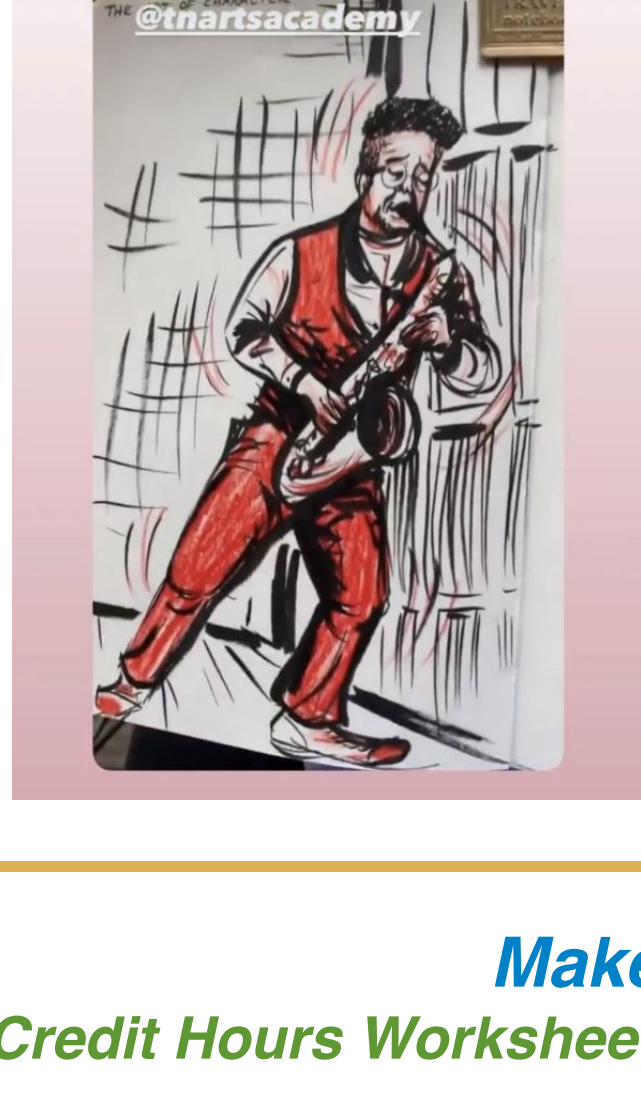
For the safety and security of all 2021 TAA participants, **please be sure to activate your video during classroom sessions and interludes**. This ensures that no one who is not a registered TAA participant is in attendance. If you do not have a camera on your personal computer, try borrowing a computer or laptop from your school or a friend. You can also use your smartphone to access our virtual platform if needed!

If for any reason you are kicked out of the Zoom session you are in, do not panic. **Return to the Launch Zoom button for the event and click it again.** Refreshing your page always helps! If the rest of the class is still in session, the facilitator will let you in. If they have also been kicked out, your instructor will restart the session and will bring everyone back in.

### Let's Be Social!

Please follow us on Instagram using our handle "tnartsacademy" and tag us in any posts you make with our hashtag #virtualtaa2021.

**Also, if there are any photos you would like us to share in our newsletter, please email them to [taa@belmont.edu](mailto:taa@belmont.edu).** We would be happy to have them! Whether it is you wearing the TAA shirt, busting into those yummy snacks, or getting down to business in your at-home learning space, we want to know how you are making this year's Academy special.



### Make It Count!

#### Credit Hours Worksheet & Attendance Button Update

The credit hours worksheet has been updated to include information that was missing from the original form on the website. To ensure that you keep track of all of the events you are attending and the number of credit hours you are earning, **make sure to fill out our credit hours worksheet**. This worksheet has all of the information you need to get the total number of hours for which you will receive credit!

We also want you to make sure that your attendance counts as well, so be certain to mark every event that you attend on the virtual site. **Please note that the performances and musings sessions record the attendance online automatically** so you do not need to click a button for those!

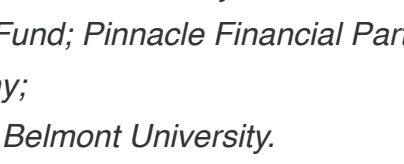
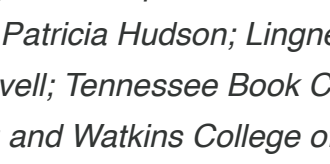
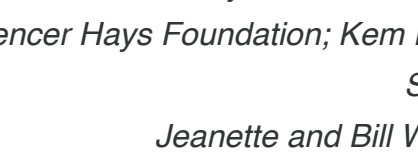
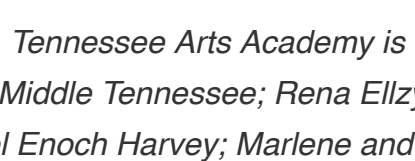
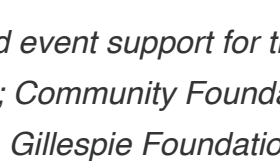
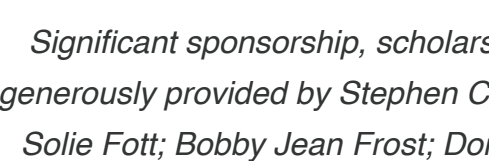
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The mission of the Tennessee Arts Academy is to provide exceptional quality professional development, arts training, support, encouragement, information and renewal to K-12 teachers and to promote and honor the role of the arts in the lives of all Tennesseans.

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