



Academy News and Notes!

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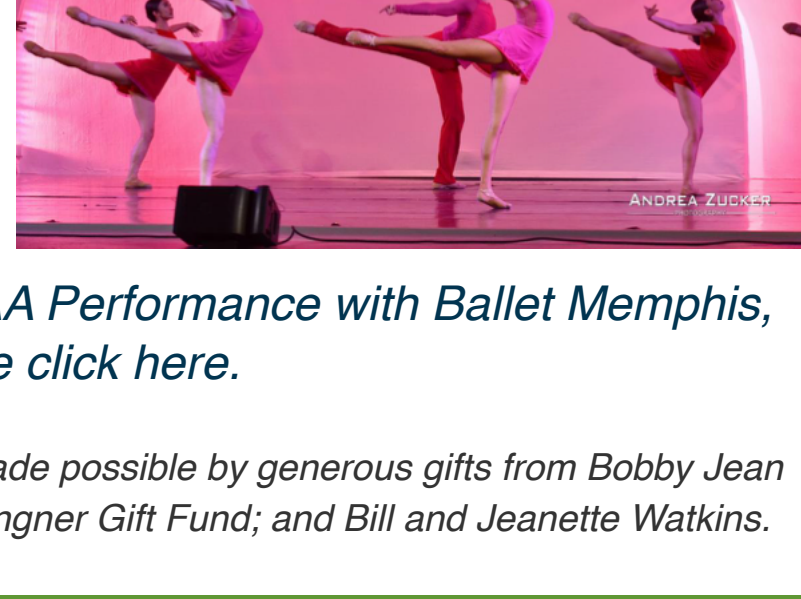
Each day this week, TAA will provide all participants with an update filled with **News and Notes**, reflecting on what you have learned and anticipating what is in store.

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.

TODAY'S PERFORMER!

Three by Ballet Memphis
Thursday, July 15
1:00 PM (CDT)



For more information on the TAA Performance with Ballet Memphis, please click [here](#).

The appearance of Ballet Memphis is made possible by generous gifts from Bobby Jean Frost, in memory of Donna Frost; the Lingner Gift Fund; and Bill and Jeanette Watkins.

Show Aaron Lazar Some Love!

Aaron was thrilled to be able to share part of his Wednesday night with all of the arts teachers at Tennessee Arts Academy. Let's make sure he knows how much we appreciate his support and the support of his friends!

Aaron wants to encourage you to follow him on Instagram and tag him in your posts about last night's amazing show! His Instagram handle is **@aaronscottlazar**!

Quotable Quotes!

"This begs the question: where is life celebrated, looked at, dissected, and illuminated? I don't need modern science to give me that answer. I only need the theatre."

"I don't think writers are sacred. Not at all. But words are. They are innocent, neutral, precise, standing for this, describing that, meaning the other. If you look after them, you can send them into battle. You can build bridges across incomprehension and chaos. Words deserve respect, bless 'em. If you get the right ones in the right order you can nudge the world a little."

"Roger told me to be kind and jolly. That's all that really matters. Be loving, demanding, frank and a little bit audacious. The rest will fall into place."

The Above Quotes Come From Rick Elice's Wednesday Musing

"Creating art, creating music, creating literature, creating paintings: these are sacred professions. Teaching is a sacred profession."

-Stephen Sondheim

"Performing... it's like a ball of yarn. It keeps unraveling. If you say the right words on the right pitches at the right time, you have no choice but to be alive in that moment."

-Michael Arden

"The philosophy for me as an educator has come down to point of view. Giving permission to students to find their point of view within an interpretive art form. I think that's hard to do."

-Alexander Gemignani

The Above Quotes Come From
BRAVO! A Virtual Evening with Stephen Sondheim and Friends
Hosted by Aaron Lazar: Honoring America's Arts Teachers

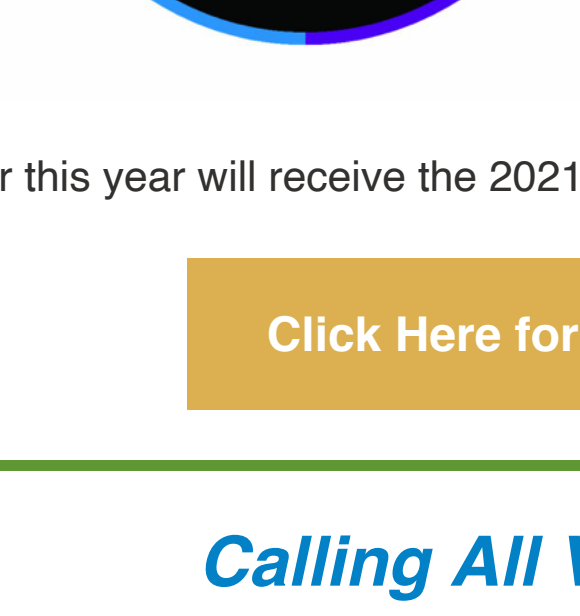
Since You Asked!

Rick Elice's musing yesterday was filled with many wise words! He mentioned his book, *Finding Roger: An Improbably Theatrical Love Story*, and we've attached the link to the book below! Rick also answered the questions he was unable to answer during his musing. Click the button below to read his responses!

[Click Here To Buy Rick's Book!](#)

[Click Here for Rick's Responses to Q+A](#)

Alumni Roll Call!



Join the Tennessee Arts Academy Alumni Association or renew your membership to receive a "special perk"!

If you sign up as a new member, you will receive a one-of-a-kind TAA alumni pin. If you are renewing, once the Academy concludes, we will send you a list of TAA promotional items, and you will be able to select a gift. All TAA Alumni Association new members and renewals for this year will receive the 2021-2022 decal seen here!

[Click Here for Membership Information](#)

Calling All Visual Art Teachers!

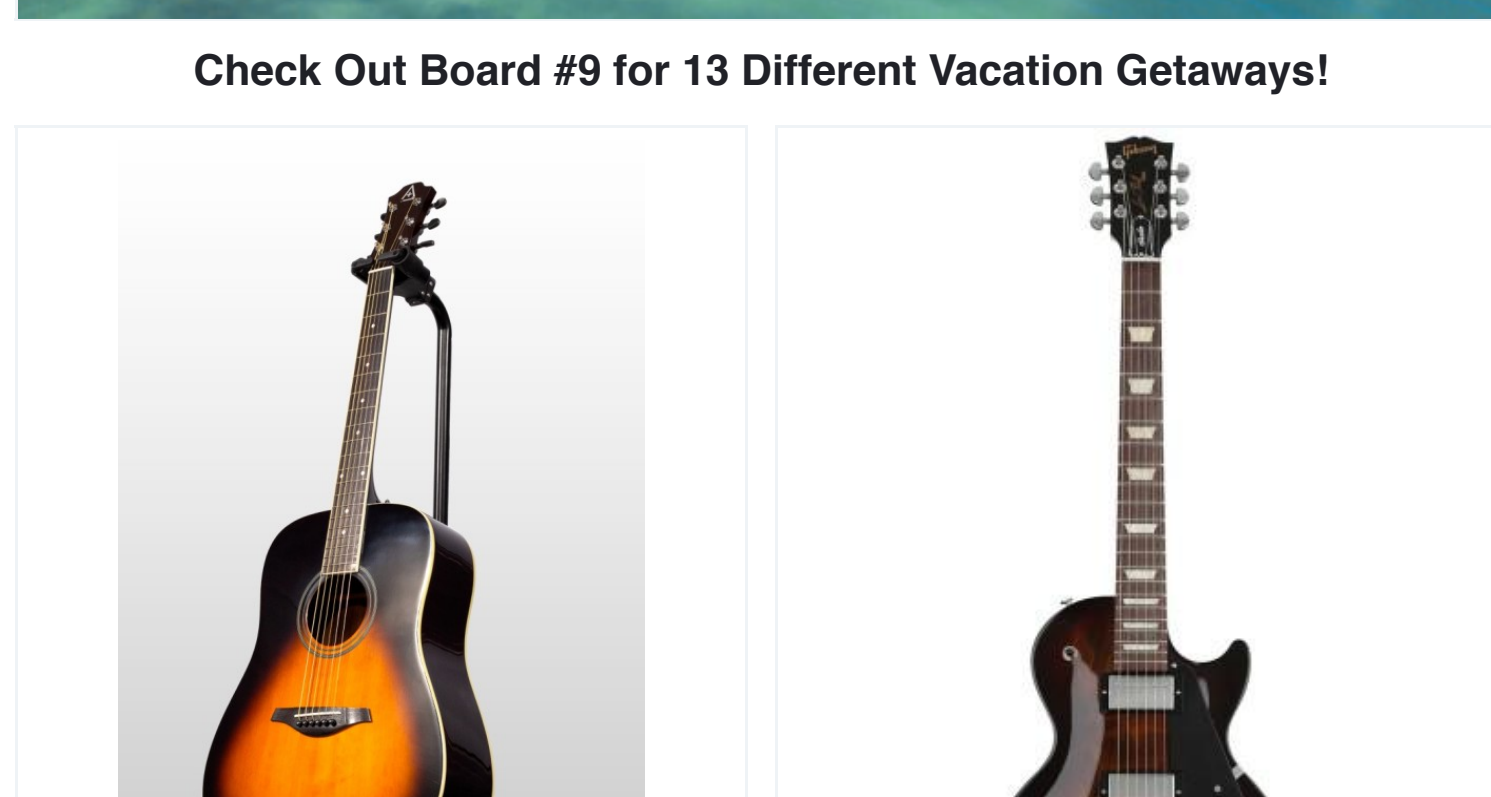
The Appalachian Center for Craft in Smithville, TN has offered a scholarship to ONE lucky TAA participant to attend one of their week-long summer intensives for teachers.

To be eligible for this prize, you must renew your membership for the 2021 Alumni year OR become a new member of the Tennessee Arts Academy Alumni Association before July 16th AND purchase at least one NYC ticket either today or tomorrow. To accomplish these two things, you can find the "Easter Eggs" on the virtual site homepage. The Blue Egg for "TAA Alumni Association" and the Purple Egg for "Purchase A Raffle Ticket for NYC." The winner will be announced and awarded their scholarship certificate during the second core session on Friday of this week.

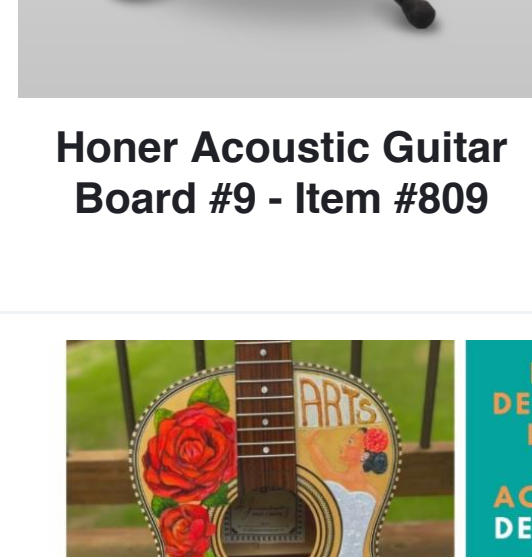
[Click Here for Alumni and NYC Information](#)

Approaching the Auction Finish Line!

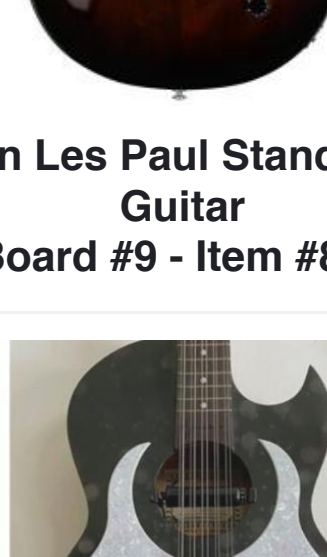
Bidding for the TAA 2021 Online Auction is picking up speed, and TODAY is the final chance to snag a bargain gift item. The auction features incredible island getaways, hand-painted guitars, family fun trips and more! Don't miss out on these excellent offers during these last few hours!



Check Out Board #9 for 13 Different Vacation Getaways!



Honer Acoustic Guitar
Board #9 - Item #809



Gibson Les Paul Standards 60
Guitar
Board #9 - Item #801



Help a TAA guitar artist win a \$100 cash prize! Your bid on these incredibly designed guitars will rev up the competition! The artist that gets the highest bid on their guitar at the close of the auction wins the cash prize. So keep the bids coming to help support our TAA visual art teachers!

[Click Here To Visit The TAA Online Auction!](#)

Here Is What Is Being Said!

Upper Middle/Secondary Theatre Participant Lea Marshall writes:
"The week is going so well. It's like drinking from a firehose though. So many amazing things to contemplate/connect/create in each session. I go to bed with my mind swirling with new ideas & wake up ready to ingest even more awesomeness!!!"

Arts Leadership Participant Alicia Fuss writes:
"I'm having a really wonderful week—I really appreciate this space for dedicated reflection. It's been both helpful and restorative."

NYC Broadway Giveaway Entry Special Offer Ends Tomorrow!

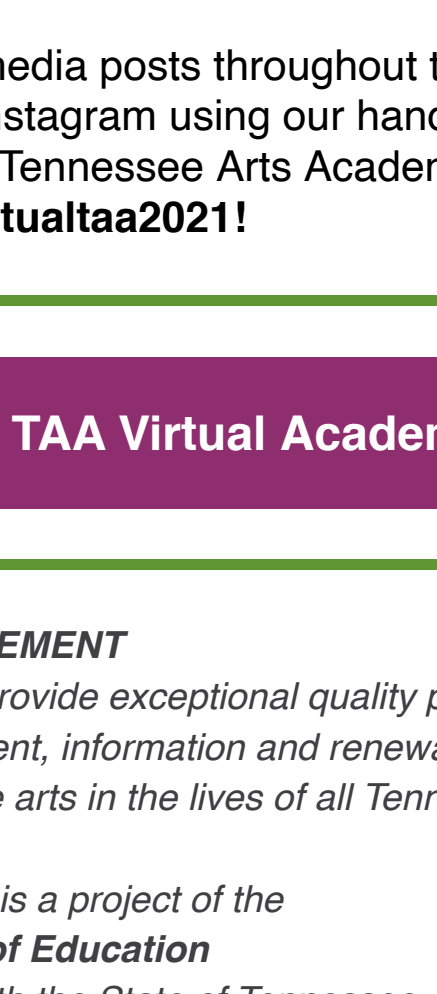
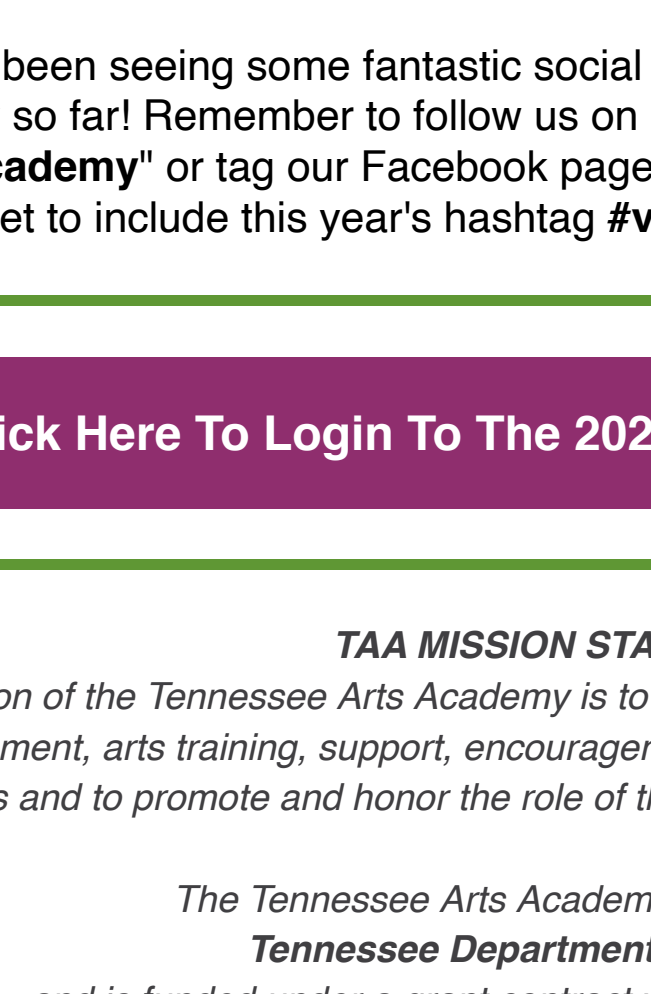
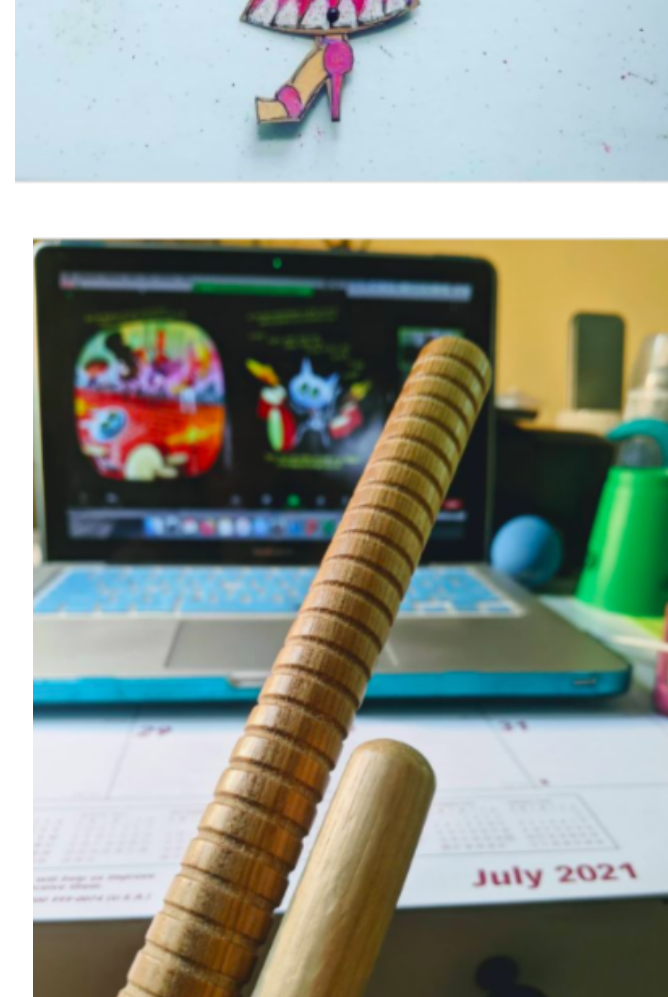
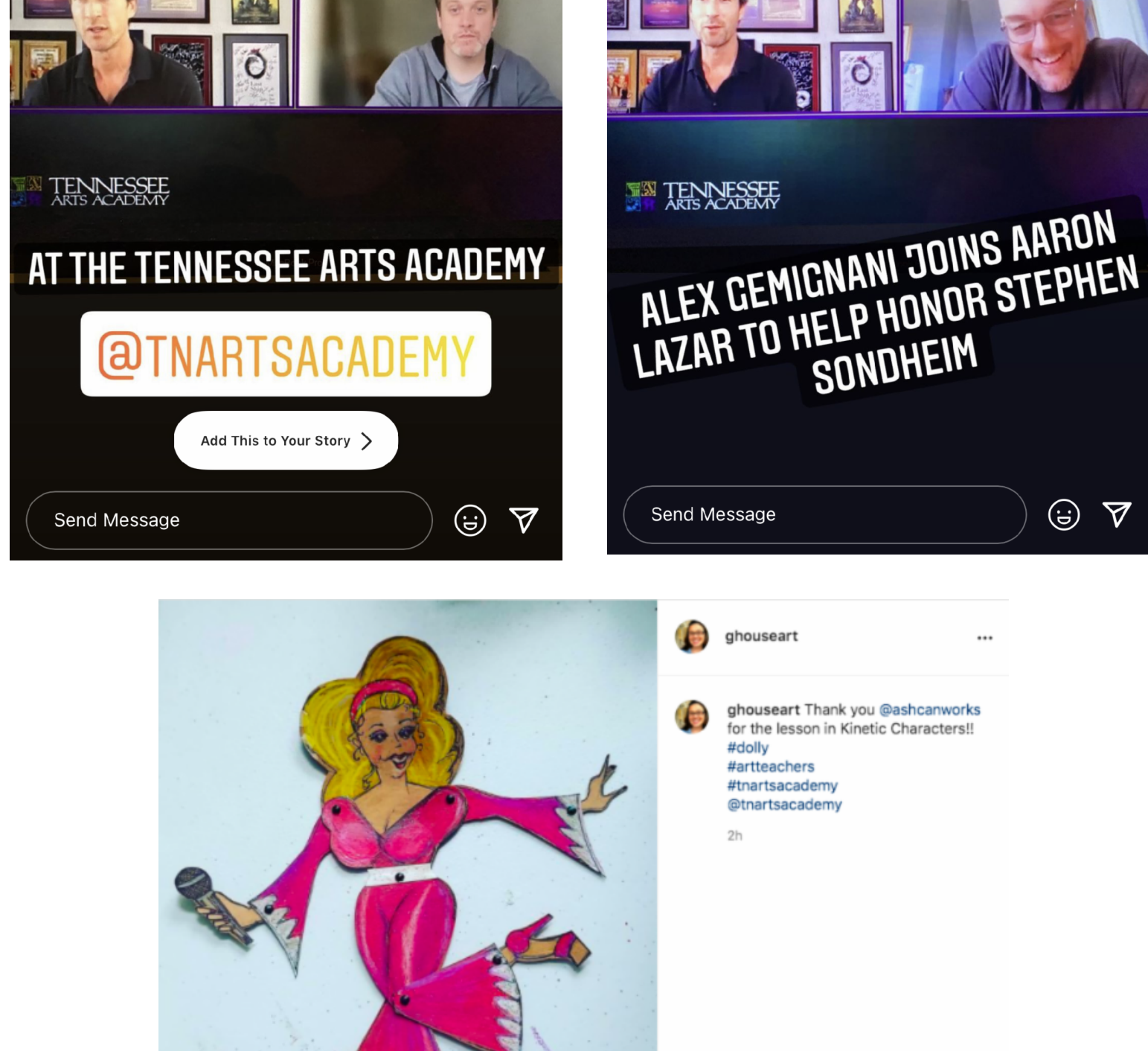
The NYC ticket drawing will take place tomorrow immediately after the Cumberland County Playhouse performance at 1:00 pm. As an added bonus, the first 100 TAA participants to purchase a \$20 NYC giveaway ticket will receive a TAA Lunch To Go Container!



The TAA Lunch To Go Container is a four-piece container set designed to store your lunch featuring three container sections, lid, and a fork and knife. The reusable fork and knife are easily stored on the lid in the utensil compartment with flip top lid to keep them secure. The TAA Lunch To Go Container is microwave safe!

[Click Here to Enter!](#)

Social Snapshots!



We have been seeing some fantastic social media posts throughout the Academy so far! Remember to follow us on Instagram using our handle **"tnartsacademy"** or tag our Facebook page (Tennessee Arts Academy). And don't forget to include this year's hashtag **#VirtualTAA2021**!

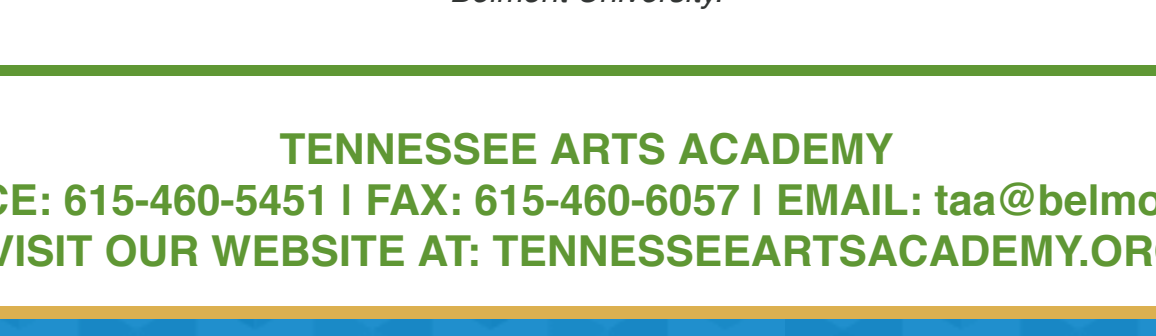
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