



Academy Notes

Sunday, July 12, 2015

Welcome to the 2015 Tennessee Arts Academy!

Reminders



*Sunday's
Performance*

Naoko Takada
Marimba Soloist

*Generously Sponsored by
Tennessee Book Company*

4:30 PM

Massey Concert Hall

*Reception
Celebration*

Featuring:

*Rich Ripani Trio
David Arnold, Caricature Artist
DaVinci Recorder Group
Austin Filingo Duo*

6:30 PM

Maddox Grand Atrium



*Belmont Mansion—built in the
1850's by Adelia Acklen*

Breakfast will be served in the West Lobby of the Curb Event Center. Enter the Belmont Blvd. entrance directly behind the fountain or walk from the garage through the Maddox Atrium. **Lunch** Monday through Thursday will be in the Belmont University Dining Hall.

Academic Credit: Those wishing to earn **academic credit for Academy participation** through Belmont University should plan to meet with Dr. Madeline Bridges in the West lobby of the Curb Event center (where breakfast is served) at **7:15 pm**. Participants may earn 2 or 3 undergraduate credit hours or 1 or 2 graduate credit hours.

Group Photo: Please plan to gather with other teachers from your county or school system for a group photo after the midday performance based on the following schedule:

Monday—all participants from **East Tennessee**

Wednesday—all participants from **Middle Tennessee**

Thursday—all participants from **West Tennessee**

Teachers from the "region of the day" should remain seated following the performance as they will be dismissed by school system to allow picture-taking to move quickly.

Sign up for table seating for Wednesday evening's Bravo Banquet: **Sign-up will occur** at easels near the Academy Office table at Breakfast and Lunch **on Monday and Tuesday**. This process will allow us to carefully plan tables for all participants and the many guests who will be present on Wednesday evening to support the Academy. It's important that all TAA participants **sign up no later than noon on Tuesday!**

Special Opportunities

Second 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 on **Thursday in the Beaman Student Life Center from noon until 6:15 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 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.** Peanuts, popcorn, popsicles, live music and juggling acts will help enliven the afternoon. Those who obtain **stamps from every vendor on their passports** will be entered into a **drawing for prizes** donated by our generous vendors.

DVDs of the musings and Friday Chorale will be available for sale in the lobby of the Massey Performing Arts Center before and after each day's musings. The complete set is \$65.

TAA Silent Auction: If you did not turn in your silent auction items at registration, please drop them off at the Academy Office. Bidding begins on Tuesday in the University Dining Hall. Many hand-crafted items as well as collectibles will be displayed.

Highest bidders will claim their auction winnings on **Thursday at 5:15 pm** at the **Ice Cream Social** in the **Beaman Student Life Center**. This event is exclusively for bidding winners, all participants who donated to the Silent Auction, and Alumni members. The auction is sponsored by the **Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation Board**, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support the goals of the Academy.

Experience the Belmont Mansion: After classes on Monday, plan to attend "High Tea" and take a tour of the Belmont Mansion from 5:00-6:00 pm. Also, enjoy Susan Ramsay on hammered dulcimer!

Musings & Reflections: Academy Experiences

Musings is a time each day when guest speakers talk about the role the arts have played in their lives. These events, during which the entire Academy gathers as a group, are usually among the most inspirational and meaningful aspects of the week.

Following **Musings**, your schedule lists **Reflections**. This time in the day provides respite and an opportunity to think about your Academy experiences. You will receive a small notebook for your use during Reflections.



Monday's Muser:

Mignon Dunn,

World-Renowned Mezzo-Soprano who has sung leading roles at major opera houses such as the Royal Opera and Covent Garden in London, La Scala in Milan, and New York's Metropolitan Opera

In order to maximize the experience, your attendance and participation in all Academy functions is expected. Each component of the Academy schedule is carefully designed for overall program success. Certificates of participation for participants who attend all sessions will be presented on Friday.



FYI: Academy Visitor Guide

The Academy Office is located on the top floor at 1521 Bernard Avenue directly across from the entrance to the Curb Event Center parking garage. Office hours are 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. An information table will also be set up at breakfast and lunch each day should you have questions for TAA office staff.

Computers in the Bunch Library are available for your use. Please see one of the librarians if you would like to check your email. Much of the campus is also wireless, and no password is needed.

Please be mindful that video and audio recordings of classes, performances, or musings are not permitted without the direct permission of those involved.

Please turn cellular phones off during Academy classes and/or functions.

We want to remind you that this is a shared facility.

Tennessee Arts Academy shares the campus with Mission Fuge, Belmont summer school classes, and sports camps.

We are confident we can all coexist comfortably in this shared space.