

# TENNESSEE ARTS ACADEMY

## *Working Year-Round to Strengthen Arts Education*



### TENNESSEE ARTS ACADEMY SUMMER INSTITUTE

**ANNUAL IMPACT:** 325 teacher attendees who will directly reach 200,000 students in their classrooms during the upcoming school year

For nearly four decades, K–12 educators from across the state have attended the Tennessee Arts Academy Summer Institute to develop new core skills, build their confidence, and assemble a comprehensive toolbox of educational resources. The Academy's nationally recognized professional development program provides a track for every kind of educator working in every major arts discipline, from classroom teachers to superintendents and everyone in between. Participants attend performances, classes and workshop sessions, inspiring artist talks, visual art exhibitions, an awards banquet, and much more. What the Tennessee Arts Academy Summer Institute delivers – a true balance of training, support, and renewal – is not replicated anywhere else in the country.

*"TAA has strengthened my relationships with my fine arts department, revived my mission to integrate the arts, and guided me in making new initiatives for the upcoming school year!"* Arts Leadership and Administration Educator



### TAA VIRTUAL WINTER RETREAT

**ANNUAL IMPACT:** 125 teacher attendees who will directly reach 70,000 students in their classrooms during the current school year

Many educators attend an exhilarating Academy Summer Institute week but return to their difficult jobs where they feel unsupported and underappreciated by their own administrative staff. TAA's day-long Virtual Winter Retreat refreshes, sustains, and builds upon lessons from the Summer Institute, helping educators to deepen their understanding and mitigate mid-year burnout.

*"TAA is where I go to recharge. I am always able to implement something new that I have learned into my own classroom."* Upper Middle/Secondary Theatre Educator



### ARTS RICH SCHOOLS PROGRAM

**ANNUAL IMPACT:** 1,000,000+ students enrolled in a total of more than 2,000 public and private schools throughout Tennessee

The TAA Arts Rich Schools Program provides Tennessee schools with a comprehensive curricular framework for an exemplary total arts program in music, theatre, visual art, media arts, and dance. Beyond the core instructional and personnel guidelines, the program includes advocacy at the state and district level for increased arts funding, a criteria-based awards program that acknowledges and reinforces exemplary schools, and curated activities that help schools grow their arts programs along the "Arts Rich" criteria. This work is a big step toward assisting principals and superintendents to better understand the foundational building blocks of high-quality arts programs.

*"The Arts Academy not only provides me with materials and thought processes I need to amp up my classes, but it also allows me to network with other teachers and build relationships from which I can grow and learn."* Elementary/Lower Middle Music Educator



### VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

**ANNUAL IMPACT:** 1,000+ local residents & out of town visitors

Annually, TAA mounts four admission-free visual art exhibitions, including curated artwork from a professional artist; a "best of the best" middle and high school student art showcase; a "stars" kindergarten through fifth grade student art showcase; and a juried teacher art exhibition, featuring the work of Tennessee art educators. Open to the entire community, the exhibitions are displayed for one month beginning in July and are also a key feature of the Summer Institute, enhanced by artist talks and a dedicated Visual Art Recognition Day.

*"The Arts Academy gets me excited to inspire my students! Being immersed in the arts is an incredible experience!"* Upper Middle/Secondary Visual Art Educator



### YEAR-ROUND TEACHER SUPPORT, RESOURCES, & ADVOCACY

**ANNUAL IMPACT:** 10,000+ arts teachers and administrators

Throughout the school year, TAA supports its vast educator community with a wide range of ancillary programming. The Teacher Resource Center offers blogs, open forums, and opportunities to share lesson plans and teaching tips. A year-long mentorship program pairs new educators with established and trusted teachers who have a desire to give back. TAA's monthly Teacher Hero Awards spotlight exceptional and deserving K–12 arts educators. The list continues, with the TAA Alumni Association, monthly podcast series "TAA Talks," special topical masterclasses, ongoing advocacy and training, and much more.

*"TAA is like no other PD ever – I am blown away by every detail!"* TAA Guest Faculty Member