

ACADEMY NOTES

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



PERFORMANCE

GO! Contemporary Dance Works

ALICE: A Revolutionary Ballet

Monday, July 14 at 11:30 AM

MTSU Tucker Theatre

The performance of ALICE: A Revolutionary Ballet by GO! Contemporary Dance Works is made possible by a generous gift from Jeanette and Bill Watkins.



MUSER

Ricky Ian Gordon

Monday, July 14 at 1:20 PM

Tucker Theatre

The appearance of Ricky Ian Gordon is made possible by a generous gift from the Country Music Association Foundation.

ACADEMY NEWS

TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

We encourage you to attend today's after-hour special events on and off campus. Attendance at these events is optional.

TAA ART EXHIBITION OPENING, ARTIST TALK, AND RECEPTION: Participants please join us today from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM in the Todd Art Gallery in Todd Hall for the exhibition opening, artist talk at 5:15 PM, and reception for *The Myth of Absence* by Kandy Lopez. Refreshments will be served.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MIXER: All TAA Summer Institute participants are invited to come and go beginning at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 14, please join us for the Monday Night Mixer at Main Event (1510 Greshampark Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Come and go as you please; food, drinks, bowling, & more are available for purchase!

ACADEMY REMINDERS

LUNCH: Lunch Monday-Wednesday will be in the McCallie Dining Hall. Thursday and Friday lunches will be served in the MTSU Student Union Building.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE: TAA invites participants each day during the Repast, Refocus, and Reflect session in McCallie Dining Hall during lunch to have a photograph made with colleagues from your TAA content area, your school, and/or your district. A TAA photographer will be available Monday - Thursday in a specially designated area of the dining hall. Photos taken on one day will be posted the following day on the TAA website in the TAA gallery and on TAA social media sites.

BRAVO BANQUET SEATING SIGN UP: Sign up for table seating for Wednesday evening's Bravo Banquet and Performance will be available using the QR code on the next page. The TAA Office staff will be available at breakfast and lunch on Monday and Tuesday to assist you with this process. This program 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!

TAA SILENT AND ONLINE AUCTION: Thanks to all of you who brought items for the Silent Auction. Bidding begins on Tuesday during lunch and concludes on Thursday. The online auction is open to anyone with internet access and is up and running now. Highest bidders will claim their auction winnings on Thursday at 5:15 pm at the Ice Cream Social in the MTSU Student Union. This event is exclusively for bidding winners, all participants who donated to the 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.

TAA's MONDAY MUSER: After lunch, participants will gather in the Tucker Theatre for a time of thoughtful inspiration and introspection. TAA is excited to welcome composer and writer, Ricky Ian Gordon, as the Monday Muser. Read his bio in the TAA Summer Institute program book, and get excited! Autographed copies of Gordon's book, *Seeing Through*, will be available for purchase in the lobby of the Tucker Theatre following the musing session.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: Join the TAA Mentorship program on the app!

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Kandy G Lopez - Hispaniola, 2024.
Yarn and acrylic paint on hook mesh.
96 x 60 in, 243.8 x 152.4 cm.

ART EXHIBITIONS

TAA PARTICIPANT PREVIEW

Tuesday, July 15

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

MTSU Todd Art Gallery

Summer Institute participants will visit *The Myth of Absence*; *Best of the Best* Student Art Exhibition; *Connections: Tennessee Art Education Association Member Exhibition*; *STARS: State of Tennessee Art Review and Showcase*.

**USE THE QR CODE BELOW
TO SIGN UP FOR
BRAVO BANQUET SEATING**

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Banquet



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To Sign-Up!

RECAP: OVERTURE & RECEPTION CELEBRATION



FROM SUNDAY NIGHT'S OPENING REMARKS

"You are the ones who remind them – and yourselves – that creativity and the arts are not just decoration. The teaching of the arts is as important and as vital as any subject matter taught in your school building all day and every day." - Frank Bluestein

"Together – Let's make this week a beautiful and magical and highly redundant – new beginning!" - Frank Bluestein

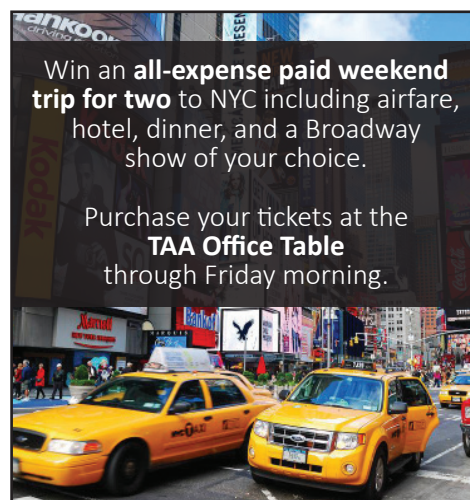
ACADEMY WEEK SOCIAL MEDIA

INSTAGRAM: TAA's instagram is @TNArtsAcademy. Follow us and be sure to tag us in all your posts this week with #TAA2025.

FACEBOOK: TAA has an active Facebook presence. Have you liked us yet? Visit our page at Facebook.com/TennesseeArtsAcademy! Let us know how you're enjoying TAA 2025 by leaving a comment!

YAPP: The TAA Summer Institute app has a social feed! Be sure to share pictures and comments with your fellow participants!

NYC SWEEPSTAKES!



Win an **all-expense paid weekend trip for two** to NYC including airfare, hotel, dinner, and a Broadway show of your choice.

Purchase your tickets at the
TAA Office Table
through Friday morning.

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