

# ACADEMY NOTES

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



**Triple Play: Cumberland County Playhouse Presents!**

**11:30 AM**

**MTSU Tucker Theatre**

*The performance of Triple Play: Cumberland County Playhouse Presents! is made possible by a generous gift from Thane Smith, in memory of Pat Smith.*



**MUSER**

**Victoria Clark**

**1:20 PM**

**MTSU Tucker Theatre**

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## ACADEMY NEWS

### TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

**VISITORS' DAY:** Arts organization directors, college and university professors, political dignitaries, and many others from across the state are invited to be guests of TAA from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**BRAVO! AWARDS BANQUET AND PERFORMANCE:** We're all looking forward to the *Bravo!* Awards Banquet and Performance, which begins tonight at 6:30 PM in the MTSU Student Union Grand Ballroom. You'll enjoy a wonderful night of food, fun, and recognitions. Dinner music will be provided by Joseph Walker on piano, followed by an awards presentation, and a fabulous performance from Broadway musical theatre star Norm Lewis. Prior to the Banquet (5:30 PM- 6:20 PM), you are invited to have your picture made in your banquet attire on the red carpet in front of the TAA backdrop which will be set up in the MTSU Student Union Grand Ballroom Foyer.

### ACADEMY REMINDERS

**TAA NYC FUNDRAISER:** While you're at lunch today, don't forget to purchase a ticket for the Tennessee Arts Academy NYC Fundraiser. The winner will receive an all-expense paid weekend trip to NYC for two that includes airfare, hotel, dinner, and a Broadway show of your choice!

**PHOTOS AVAILABLE:** Each day during Repast, Refocus, and Reflect (lunch), you are invited to have a photograph made of yourself or with colleagues. A TAA photographer will be located in the dining hall. Photos taken on one day will be posted the following day on the TAA website, in the TAA photo gallery, and on TAA social media.

**TAA SILENT AUCTION:** Bidding for the silent auction continues today and tomorrow during lunch. Jump at the chance to win exciting items like restaurant gift cards, gift baskets, and artisan goods. All bidding winners, donors to the Silent Auction, and Alumni members are invited to the Ice Cream Social on Thursday at 5:15 PM in the MTSU Student Union Grand Ballroom.

**TAA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** TAA Alumni Association membership is open to all graduates and friends of the Tennessee Arts Academy. Benefits include special invitations and discounted pricing to yearly Academy events, access to purchase Academy materials, eligibility to nominate TAA award honorees, and much more!

**INSTAGRAM:** Our social media team will be posting on our Instagram & Facebook stories this week! It will be a great chance to see what's going on behind the scenes at the Summer Institute! Follow us, follow along, and be sure to tag us in all your posts this week with #TAA2025.

## RECAP AND REFLECTIONS

### TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE



#### PERFORMER NORM LEWIS

##### **Bravo! Awards Banquet and Performance** **MTSU Student Union** **Grand Ballroom**

Renowned for his acting work onstage and screen, fans best know Norm Lewis for his booming baritone and the magnetic charisma that has marked every step of his nearly three decades of Broadway excellence. In his one-man show, *Norm Lewis: A Tribute to Broadway*, Lewis presents a revue of songs hand-picked from his impressive resumé of the who's-who among leading man roles.

*The appearance of Norm Lewis throughout the TAA Summer Institute week is made possible by a generous gift from Thane Smith, in memory of Pat Smith.*

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#### FROM OUR TUESDAY MUSER, CHAZ GUEST

"I think about sharing our likenesses- rather than our differences."  
-Chaz Guest

"The rhythm of the universe is magical. I am an individual that the universe created. I asked the universe to guide me, and I elected to be the best person that I can be." -Chaz Guest

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