

# ACADEMY NOTES

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

### MUSER

Norm Lewis



1:50 PM

MTSU Tucker Theatre

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

MORE OF TODAY'S  
HIGHLIGHTS  
ON THE BACK!

## ACADEMY NEWS

### TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

**TAA ARTS EXPO, VENDOR FAIR, & ARTIST MARKET:** Academy participants and all interested arts teachers across the state are invited to attend the TAA Arts Expo, Vendor Fair, and Artist Market in the MTSU Student Union Grand Ballroom from 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM. The Arts Vendor Fair includes display booths from leading music, theatre, and visual art vendors as well as arts-related organizations. Participants will enjoy learning about the many resources, products, and perks offered by the exhibitors. Concurrent with the Arts Expo and Vendor Fair, the TAA Artist Market features art, crafts, and jewelry sold by talented Academy artist-educators. The TAA Carnival helps enliven the proceedings with tuneful music by Deanna and Windell Little and balloon artistry by Sam Cremeens. Treats to be served include pretzels, popcorn, cookies, fudge, and popsicles.

**BROADWAY CARES:** Please consider a donation to one of TAA's partner organizations, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. You can donate at the vendor fair in the yellow buckets or at [tnartsacademy.org](http://tnartsacademy.org) and click **GIVE NOW** in honor of BCEFA.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Alumni Association members and all participants who donated to or won an item in the Silent Auction receive a special invitation to attend this yummy event in the **Student Union Grand Ballroom at 5:15 PM.**

### ACADEMY REMINDERS

**TAA NYC FUNDRAISER:** Don't forget to buy your tickets to the NYC Fundraiser during lunch. The winner will receive an all-expense paid weekend trip for two to NYC that includes airfare, hotel, dinner, and a Broadway show of your choice.

**TAA SILENT AUCTION:** Today is the last day to bid on silent auction items. Bidding on these wonderful gifts and collectibles ends at 1:15 PM.

**THURSDAY LUNCH:** Lunch today will be served in the MTSU Student Union Building. All participants will receive a voucher for a free meal in the Student Union food court, including Panda Express, Nashville Chicken & Waffles, Blenz Bowls, Bento Sushi, or the Farmers' Market (MTSU secondary dining hall).

**PHOTOS AVAILABLE:** Today is the last day to have your picture made in front of the TAA backdrop. A TAA photographer will be in the MTSU Student Union Building during lunch.

**FRIDAY CHECKOUT:** Participants staying in on-campus housing need to check out of the residence hall before the first class session. Everything must be removed from the rooms, including all trash. There are dumpsters behind each building. Please take your room keys to the Smith Hall lobby front desk. Trash left in rooms and failure to return housing keys and key cards may result in fines.

**FINALE LUNCHEON:** This final special event begins tomorrow at 11:30 AM in the MTSU Student Union Grand Ballroom.



## PERFORMANCE

**Middle Tennessee Choral Society  
Vocal Ensemble Performance**

**11:20 AM  
MTSU Earl Hinton Hall  
Wright Music Building**

*The performance by the Middle Tennessee Choral Society is made possible by a generous gift from HCA Healthcare Foundation.*

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### FINALE LUNCHEON

**Friday, July 18  
11:30 AM  
MTSU Student Union  
Grand Ballroom**

The TAA Chorale, under the direction of Michele Henry

Alex Shor- Accordionist

**TAA AUCTION  
LAST DAY TO BID!**

**GREAT BARGAINS STILL  
AVAILABLE!**

Online auction boards start closing at 5:45 pm today. Don't miss your opportunity to win a once in a lifetime Zulu Nyala Safari Trip!



## QUOTES FROM WEDNESDAY'S MUSER, VICTORIA CLARK

"There is no substitute for authenticity. Authenticity includes the ability to pivot and be open to change. Your next adventure might be right in front of you. Authenticity respects risk. It is not what I planned at all, but it is somehow much better. Authenticity is the ability to trust. We don't walk this path alone. Listen to the answers of your future wiser self. Walk through doors that other people might open for you." - Victoria Clark

"Arts Education has never been more important and critical than it is today." - Victoria Clark

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