

ACADEMY NOTES

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SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

ARKAI

PERFORMANCE

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Electro-Acoustic

Violin & Cello Concert

4:00 PM

MTSU Tucker Theatre

Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building

The performance by ARKAI is made possible by generous gifts from the Country Music Association Foundation; Amy Savell, in memory of Sara and Las Savell; and Talmage Watts.

RECEPTION CELEBRATION

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

MTSU Student Union Ballroom

Featuring: The Julia Rich Jazz Combo, Hazel Crossler (guitar), and David Arnold (*caricature artist*)

ACADEMY NEWS | *The 2025 TAA Summer Institute!*

ACADEMY REMINDERS

BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served each morning in the McCallie Dining Hall in the Keathley University Center (C4 on the MTSU campus map) from 7:00 AM-8:00 AM. Lunch Monday-Wednesday will also be in the McCallie Dining Hall. Thursday and Friday lunches will be served in the MTSU Student Union Building.

PARKING: All participants received a parking pass with their registration materials. The parking pass will need to be visibly displayed in vehicles at all times. The MTSU Parking Department will be checking for parking passes Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM-4:30 PM. Participants may park in any red, white, or green lot (marked on the MTSU map). Do not park in blue lots or "reserved" spots. Violators will be ticketed. The Tennessee Arts Academy is not responsible for tickets or reimbursements for tickets. Thank you for your cooperation.

Commuting students should note that parking on campus is first-come, first-served, and is limited. Parking lots located by the buildings TAA will be utilizing will fill up quickly. Classes begin promptly at 8 AM Monday-Friday. Please allow for ample time every day to find a parking space and walk across campus to your class.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE: The Tennessee Arts Academy invites participants each day during the Repast, Refocus, and Reflect session in the McCallie Dining Hall during lunch to have a photograph made of yourself or with colleagues from your TAA content area, your school, and/or your district. A TAA photographer will be available Monday - Wednesday in a specially designated area of the McCallie 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 sites.

BRAVO BANQUET SEATING SIGN UP: Sign up for table seating for Wednesday evening's Bravo Banquet and Performance will be available through an online program. 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 TAA. It's important that all TAA Summer Institute participants sign up no later than noon on Tuesday!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ACADEMY DVDS: Flashdrives of all Musing sessions and Friday Chorale will be available for sale in the lobby of the Tucker Theatre before and after each day's Musings. Individual musings are \$15 each. Each additional video is \$10. The complete set is \$50. Videos may also be purchased on Vimeo On Demand for \$7 each or rented for \$5 for 30 days (no downloads).

COMING ATTRACTIONS



PERFORMANCE

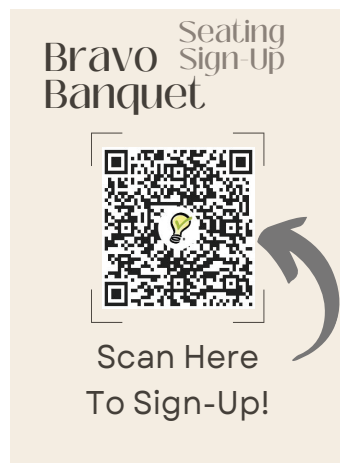
GO! Contemporary Dance Works

ALICE: A Revolutionary Ballet

Monday, July 14 at 11:30 AM

MTSU Tucker Theatre

*The performance of ALICE: A
Revolutionary Ballet by GO!
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TAA SILENT AND ONLINE AUCTION: The silent auction is exclusively for TAA Summer Institute participants. 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, featuring a plethora of exciting items. If you have an item to donate to either auction and did not bring it to registration, please drop it off at the TAA office or give it to the TAA office representative at breakfast on Monday morning. Highest bidders will claim their auction winnings on Thursday at 5:15 PM at the Ice Cream Social in the MTSU Student Union.

YAPP APP: Download the 2025 TAA Summer Institute App by searching for "YAPP" in your iPhone or Android App Store. This will give you access at your fingertips to daily schedules, our Program Book, and everything else you need to know. The event code is: TAA2025.

AFTER HOUR UPCOMING TAA EVENTS

THE REEL DEAL: FOOD, FILM, & FILMMAKERS: Unwind with a special TAA evening event featuring "Classic Cinema" on Tuesday at 6 PM in the MTSU Tucker Theatre. This unique experience includes the screening of *Searching for Bobby Fischer* followed by a virtual Talk Back session with none other than the film's director, Steven Zaillian. Enjoy tasty snacks, connect with lively conversation, and let the film spark new ideas for your own creative work!

ARTIST TALK WITH KANDY LOPEZ: Monday, July 14 at 5:15 PM, please join us for an Artist Talk with Kandy Lopez in the Todd Art Gallery. Ms. Lopez will present an overview of her TAA professional art exhibition, *The Myth of Absence*. A lovely reception is held, and 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!

FYI: ACADEMY VISITOR GUIDE

TAA OFFICE: The TAA Office is located inside Jones Hall, room 103. 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.

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

CELL PHONE POLICY: Please turn cellular phones off during all TAA Summer Institute classes and functions.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS: TAA Office, 615.988.6250; University Police (UP- B6 on campus map), call 615.898.2424 or text 615.636.3158. For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

In order to maximize the experience, your attendance and participation in all TAA Summer Institute functions is expected. Each component of the schedule is carefully designed for overall program success. Certificates of participation for participants who attend all sessions will be emailed after completion of the online TAA Participant Evaluation and Credit Hours Form.

Remember that the MTSU campus is a shared facility. TAA shares the campus with summer school classes and sports camps. We are confident we can all coexist comfortably in this shared space.