

ACADEMY NOTES

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



Gregory Steele - Soaring on Thermals, 2017

TAA PARTICIPANT PREVIEW 11:30 AM - 1:05 PM

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



MUSER

Joyce J. Scott

1:20 PM

MTSU Tucker Theatre

The appearance of Joyce J. Scott is made possible by the generous gift from the Hays Foundation, established by Marlene and Spencer Hays.

ACADEMY NEWS

TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

THE REEL DEAL: FOOD, FILM, & FILMMAKERS: Unwind with a special TAA evening event featuring "Classic Cinema" today at 5:45 PM in the MTSU Tucker Theatre. This unique experience includes the screening of *Dead Poets Society*—a gripping film that stars Robin Williams as an unorthodox English teacher who inspires his students to think independently and embrace the power of poetry. After the film, we're thrilled to bring you a virtual "Talk Back" session with none other than the film's writer, Tom Schulman. Schulman won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay for *Dead Poets Society*. With an impressive career that spans some of Hollywood's greatest films—including *What About Bob?*; *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*; *Medicine Man*; and *Holy Man*—Tom Schulman is sure to offer fascinating insights into the world of film-making. Pizza, popcorn, and pop will be served at 5:45 PM. The movie starts at 6:15 PM. Enjoy tasty snacks, connect with lively conversation, and let the film spark new ideas for your own creative work!

The Reel Deal is generously sponsored by The Fott Family and Kem Hinton, in memory of Solie Fott; and Michael Meise.

ART EXHIBITIONS: *My View: Midwest Memories*, *Tennessee's Best of the Best Student Art Exhibition*, *Connections: Tennessee Art Education Association Member Exhibition*, and *STARS: The State of Tennessee Art Review and Showcase* are all open for exploration in MTSU Todd Hall in the Todd Art Gallery and the first floor galleries.

STUDENT AND TEACHER ARTIST RECOGNITION CEREMONY AND

RECEPTION: Today is Visual Art Recognition Day at the TAA Summer Institute! Help congratulate our talented student and teacher artists by joining us today at 5:00 PM in MTSU Todd Hall, first floor galleries for a recognition ceremony and reception.

My View: Midwest Memories by Gregory Steele is co-sponsored by the Middle Tennessee State University Department of Art and Design and the Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation and is made possible by generous gifts from Rena Ellzy; The Fott Family, in memory of Solie Fott; Flowerree McDonough; and the Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation.

Best of the Best and Connections are co-sponsored by the Tennessee Arts Academy and the Tennessee Art Education Association and are presented in partnership with the Middle Tennessee State University Department of Art and Design.

The STARS exhibition at the Tennessee Arts Academy Summer Institute is sponsored and organized by the Tennessee Art Education Association and co-sponsored by the Tennessee Arts Academy. The exhibition is presented in partnership with the Middle Tennessee State University College of Art and Design.

Special thanks to Jimmy Mumford, MTSU Department of Art and Design Chair; Eric Snyder, MTSU Gallery Coordinator; Rick Rishaw, MTSU Gallery Preparator; and to Jim Dodson, the founder and creator of the Best of the Best and Connections exhibitions.

RECAP AND REFLECTIONS

COMING ATTRACTIONS



PERFORMANCE

**The 129th Army Band of the
Tennessee Army National Guard
Instrumental Music Concert**

**Wednesday, July 15
11:30 AM
Tucker Theatre**

The performance by The 129th Army Band of the Tennessee Army National Guard is made possible by a generous gift from HCA Healthcare Foundation.



**WEDNESDAY
Bravo! Banquet with
Betsy Wolfe 6:30 PM**

Student Union Grand Ballroom

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

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.



QUOTES FROM OUR MONDAY MUSER, ELI YAMIN

"It starts with the shuffle in your heart. The heart beat is the shuffle, and the shuffle is the heart beat of the blues." - Eli Yamin

"Barry Harris took me right up to the point where I was still comfortable and then gave me a push. Accept not being perfect, so that you can learn. Try stepping over, and see what magic you can discover." - Eli Yamin

ACADEMY REMINDERS

TAA NYC FUNDRAISER: Don't forget to purchase a ticket for the Tennessee Arts Academy NYC Giveaway 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.

TAA SILENT & ONLINE AUCTIONS: Bidding for the silent auction begins today during lunch and will continue through lunch on Wednesday and Thursday. The silent auction features items like gift baskets, gift cards, and handcrafted goods by TAA artisans. The TAA online auction is open to anyone and is live now! Scan the QR code below to start bidding!

PHOTOS AVAILABLE: A TAA photographer will be available today through Thursday in a specially designated area during lunch just outside the McCallie dining hall. Photos taken today will be posted in the TAA photo gallery on the TAA website and on TAA social media.

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