

ACADEMY NOTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



The 129th Army Band of the Tennessee Army National Guard
Orchestral Concert
11:30 AM
MTSU 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.



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Marc Shaiman
1:20 PM
MTSU Tucker Theatre

The appearance of Marc Shaiman is made possible by a generous gift from Tennessee Book Company, in memory of Cavit Cheshier.

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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 Brennan Villines on piano, followed by an awards presentation, and a fabulous performance from Broadway musical theatre star Betsy Wolfe. 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 just outside 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.

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 #TAA2026.

TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE



PERFORMER BETSY WOLFE

Bravo! Awards Banquet and Performance MTSU Student Union Grand Ballroom

Renowned for her acting work onstage, fans best know Betsy Wolfe for lighting up Broadway when she originated the role of Anne Hathaway in *& Juliet*. She also starred as Jenna in *Waitress*, Cordelia in *Falsettos*, and she just finished her run as Madeline Ashton in *Death Becomes Her*. In her show, leading lady Betsy Wolfe stars in *Domino*, under the musical direction of Steven Jamail.

The appearance of Betsy Wolfe and Steven Jamail is made possible by a generous gift from Thane Smith, in memory of Pat Smith.

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Broadway Tickets



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RECAP AND REFLECTIONS



FROM OUR TUESDAY MUSER, JOYCE J. SCOTT

"Mistakes are opportunities. Sometimes that's what life's about. Dig a hole, and while you're digging yourself out, you can find a better way."

-Joyce J. Scott

"My mother was a quilter. Each stitch was a word, and she wrote family history. She gave me my first passport, and from these techniques, I built my own language." - Joyce J. Scott

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