

## Academy News and Notes!

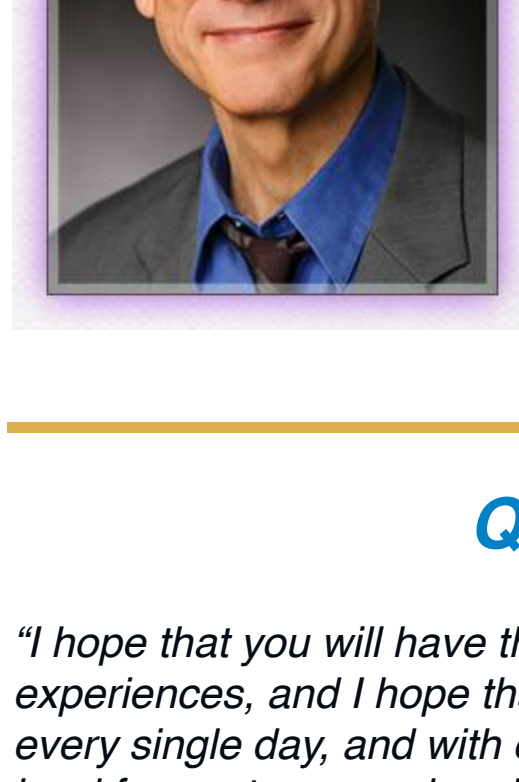
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

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Each day this week, TAA will provide all participants with an update filled with **News and Notes**, reflecting on what you have learned and anticipating what is in store.

Let us know if you have any news or information to share that we can include in the daily newsletter. This will keep everyone up to date and will help make sure that we can stay in communication with our entire TAA Community!

Please email any information you would like to include to [taa@belmont.edu](mailto:taa@belmont.edu).



### TODAY'S MUSER!

**Rick Ellice**  
Wednesday, July 14 at 1:00 PM (CDT)

For more information on the TAA Musing with Rick Ellice, please [click here](#).

*The appearance of Rick Ellice is made possible by a generous gift from Tennessee Book Company.*

### Quotable Quotes!

*"I hope that you will have the courage to be open to opportunities and new experiences, and I hope that you will dream big. I have to remind myself of this every single day, and with every opportunity that comes my way, because it's hard for me to remember. I don't want to be uncomfortable; change is difficult and becomes inconvenient. But I have to assess all that and say it's worth it."*

*"I always associated clotheslines with poor people, because we had clotheslines in the projects, and we always hung our clothes out. But being in Rome, in Venice, and in Florence really changed that. I started looking at clotheslines as a work of art. It's really quite beautiful. One's authentic self revealed."*

*"We will not go back to normal. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature."*

-Sonya Renee Taylor

~ The Above Quotes Come From Beverly McIver's Tuesday Afternoon Musing

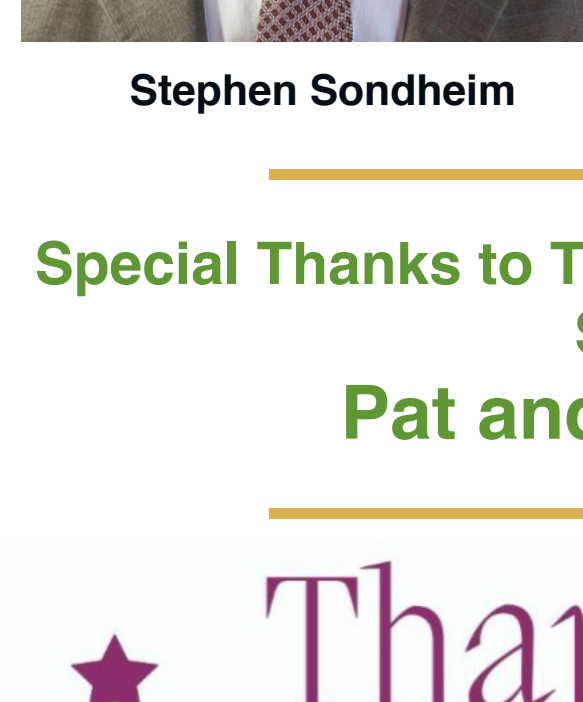
### TONIGHT'S EVENT!

**BRAVO! A Virtual Evening with Stephen Sondheim and Friends**

**Hosted by Aaron Lazar:**  
**Honoring America's Arts Teachers**

Wednesday, July 14  
7:30 PM (CDT)

For more information about this special event, please [click here](#).



Stephen Sondheim



Aaron Lazar

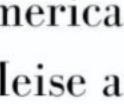
Special Thanks to Tonight's **Bravo!** Performance Sponsors

**Pat and Thane Smith**

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#### Featured Players

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### Special Thanks To our Bravo! Event Sponsors!

#### Gold Level

Brenda and Frank Bluestein  
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Rena Ellyz  
Solie Fott  
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Ron Meers  
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Steinway Piano Gallery,  
Brandon Herrenbruck

#### Silver Level

Joey Beckford  
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### Help us celebrate 35 years of TAA!

Support Arts Education or honor your favorite Arts Teacher!

**Donate to the TAA Bravo! fundraising campaign!**  
Any donation \$35 and up will also enter you in our NYC Giveaway contest!

[Click Here To Donate](#)

### Since You Asked!

Beverly McIver gave an incredible musing yesterday! We saw a clip of her Emmy-nominated documentary "Raising Renee" and we've attached the link to the documentary below. You can also buy her sister's potholders from her Etsy shop!

[Watch The Documentary "Raising Renee"](#)

[Purchase Some of Renee's Potholders](#)

### TAA Virtual Vendor Fair!

Today, we have two Vendors participating in the TAA Virtual Vendor Fair. Meet with representatives from Steinway Piano Gallery and Tennessee Shakespeare Company! Read on for more information about both of these great Academy supporters!



STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY  
NASHVILLE

We are proud to spotlight Steinway Piano Gallery as a 2021 TAA Vendor and Advertiser! Steinway is located in Nashville, and offers pianos perfect for everyone and every budget, starting under \$100/month. Steinway also partners with Tennessee Schools. Find out how your school can be recognized as an ALL-STEINWAY SCHOOL by visiting [steinwaynashville.com](http://steinwaynashville.com).

Please "Zoom" in to meet them on (Wednesday) at 8:30 - 9:00 AM (CDT), 2:00 - 2:30 PM (CDT), and 5:00-5:30 PM (CDT)!

Now there is a Steinway-designed piano that's perfect for everyone and every budget, starting under \$100/month.

Roland Digitals are the highest quality digital piano technology with the best in industry 10 year warranty!

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We are proud to spotlight Tennessee Shakespeare Company as a 2021 TAA Vendor and Advertiser. Located in Memphis, Tennessee, Tennessee Shakespeare Company offers teachers over 50 engaging, digital Shakespeare and Language Arts performances, playshops, and residencies with a diverse cast of actor-teachers.

Please "Zoom" in to meet them on (Wednesday) at 2:00 - 2:30 PM (CDT)

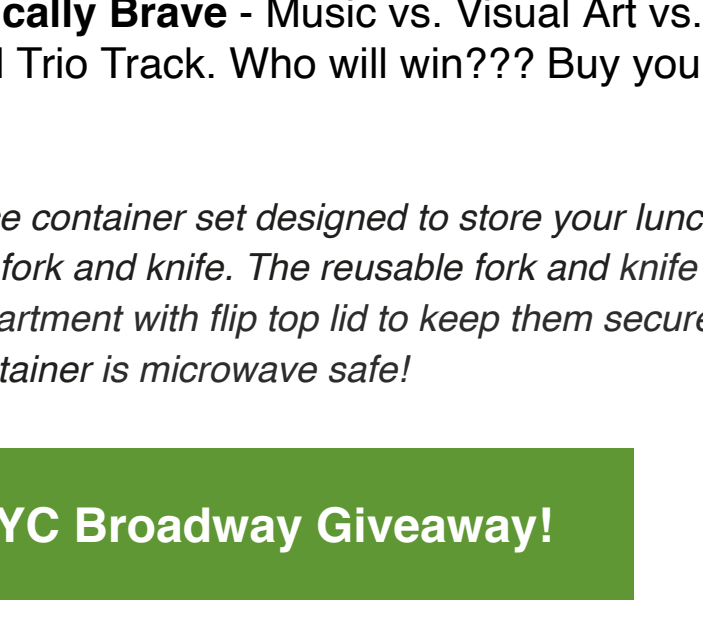
**Engage your students online or in-person!**

Bring 90-minute productions of **MACBETH** and **ROMEO AND JULIET** to your school, or bring your students to TSC's Elizabethan Stage, or choose from over 50 performances and playshops online! K-12 rates available now by contacting Carmen Mandley at [carmenmandley@tnshakespeare.org](mailto:carmenmandley@tnshakespeare.org) or 901-759-0620.

### NYC Broadway Giveaway Entry Special Offer!

The first 100 TAA participants to purchase a \$20 NYC giveaway ticket will receive a TAA Lunch To Go Container!

**PLUS** - whichever content area purchases the most tickets by the end of the day on Wednesday - will receive (for everyone in that content area who purchased a ticket) - not one - not two - but three additional ticket entries. **Four for the price of one!** Arts Leadership and Trio Track will join with Theatre and Dance, to make each group about the same size.



So get ready for the **Battle of the Artistically Brave** - Music vs. Visual Art vs. Theatre and Dance, Arts Leadership and Trio Track. Who will win??? Buy your NYC tickets today, and we will find out!

The TAA Lunch To Go Container is a four-piece container set designed to store your lunch featuring three container sections, lid, and a fork and knife. The reusable fork and knife are easily stored on the lid in the utensil compartment with flip top lid to keep them secure. The TAA Lunch To Go Container is microwave safe!

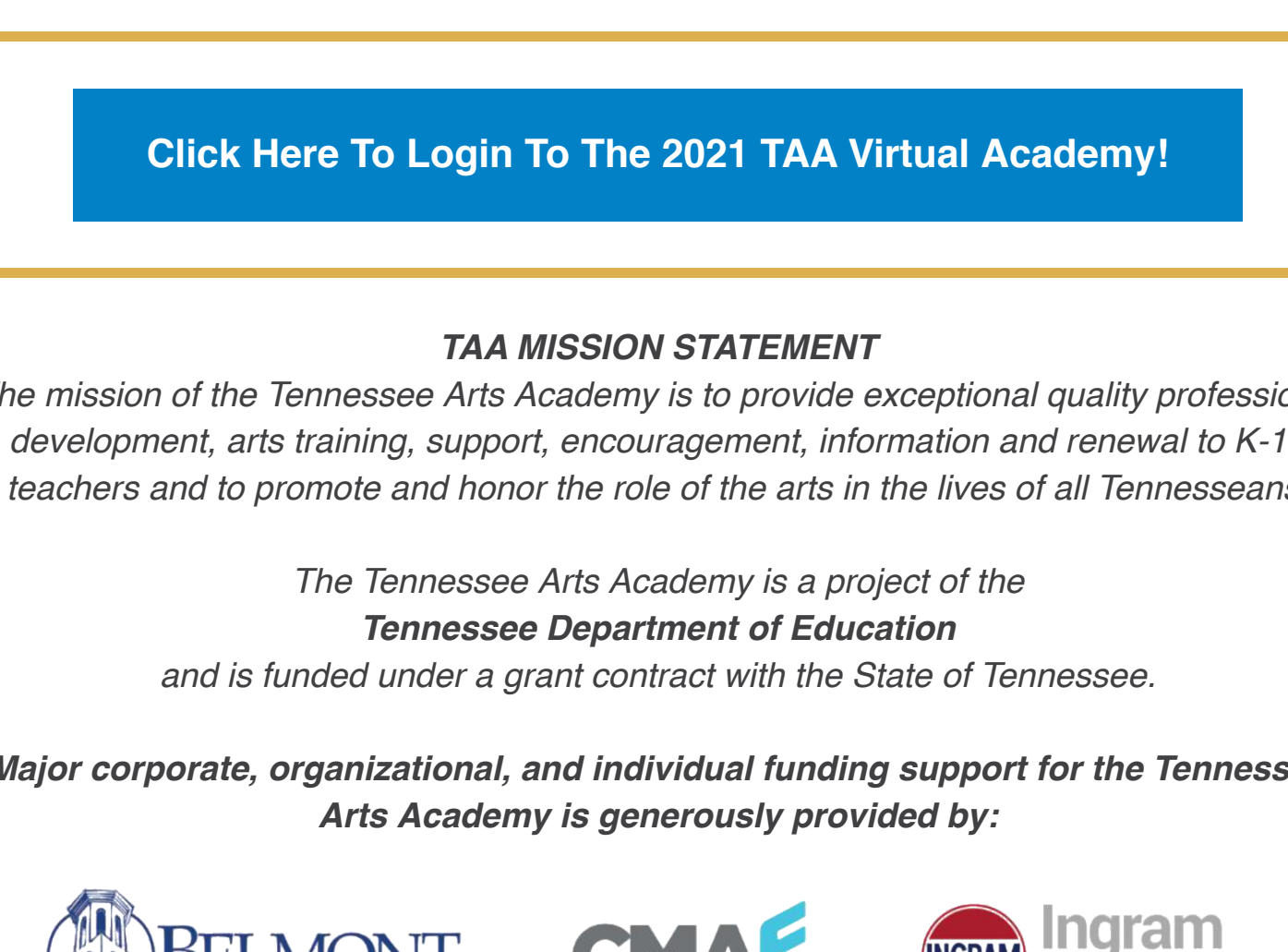
[Click Here To Enter The NYC Broadway Giveaway!](#)

### Here Is What Is Being Said!

Music facilitator David Chambers writes:

*"Both of Tuesday's elementary music classes easily rank in my top ten classes ever - virtual or on campus! They were great! By the way - I calculated and after today, I have attended 284 classes at TAA!"*

### Social Snapshots!



We have been seeing some fantastic social media posts throughout the Academy so far! Remember to follow us on Instagram using our handle **@tnartsacademy** or tag our Facebook page (Tennessee Arts Academy). And don't forget to include this year's hashtag **#virtualltaa2021!**

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#### TAA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Tennessee Arts Academy is to provide exceptional quality professional development, arts training, support, encouragement, information and renewal to K-12 teachers and to promote and honor the role of the arts in the lives of all Tennesseans.

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