



February 13, 2014

Dear Teachers,

Thank you for providing your students with invaluable learning experiences in the performing arts with TPAC Education.

Since it was established in 1983, TPAC Education has served over 1.6 million students and teachers through our HOT Season for Young People, in-school artist residencies, workshops and Institutes for teachers, and arts engagement programs for adults. The success of our long-standing program is due to our wonderful partnerships with extraordinary teachers like you.

I invite you to apply for the 2013-2014 **TPAC Education Teacher of the Year Award**. The recipient will receive:

- \$500 for your school
- A personal plaque commemorating the award
- Presentation of the award at your school or at a TPAC event before the end of the school year
- Your name engraved onto a permanent display in TPAC's Polk Theater lobby
- An invitation to attend and be recognized at our annual black-tie event: TPAC Gala on August 23, 2014

Enclosed please find an application form. You may nominate yourself or encourage a fellow teacher or administrator to apply. Anyone who participates in one of TPAC's Education programs is eligible: *Humanities Outreach in Tennessee (HOT)*, *ArtSmart*, *Disney Musicals in Schools (DMIS)*, *Wolf Trap Early Learning through the Arts* and *TPAC InsideOut*.

The nominee should be the one to answer the questions on the application form. We must receive your application by **March 10, 2014** for it to be considered. You may return it by fax (615-687-4299), mail, or email responses to Cassie LaFavor clafavor@tpac.org. Please call Cassie if you have any questions (615-687-4288).

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Roberta Ciuffo West
Executive Vice President for Education and Outreach



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4. In what ways do you feel the arts enhance learning?

5. Tell us anything else about your commitment to arts-in-education. For example, how do you incorporate the arts into your teaching? Provide us with any other information about you or your teaching that is special.

6. Please list any of TPAC Education's performances, workshops, study units, artist residencies in which you have participated in recent years.

- You are welcome to include a statement of recommendation from a colleague or students with examples of how you have influenced them in the arts.
- If you are nominating someone else, please include a statement as to why you feel they deserve this honor.

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