

**Texas Center for
Arts + Academics**

Annual Report

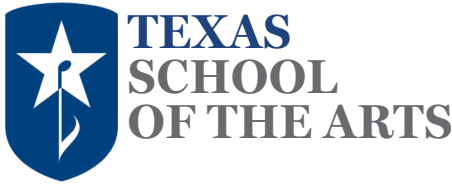
TEXAS CENTER FOR
ARTS +
ACADEMICS

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, TCA+A supports two nationally ranked charter schools serving almost 1000 students, the Grammy award-winning Texas Boys Choir, the Singing Girls of Texas, and several after-school artistic conservatories.

We believe that fostering artistic expression in children is a worthy endeavor that produces empathic, well rounded adults and creative thinkers.

Content

pg. 4	2023 Graduation
pg. 6	By the Numbers
pg. 8	Year in review
pg. 10	Gala
pg. 12	Financials
pg. 14	Fundraising by the numbers
pg. 15	Supporters
pg. 17	TeSA PTO
pg. 18	FWAFA PTSO



From the CEO

Welcome to the Annual Report of Texas Center for Arts + Academics (TCA+A), home to Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA) and Texas School of the Arts (TeSA). It is with immense pleasure and pride that we reflect on the remarkable journey and achievements of the past year.

In the realm of arts and academics, our institutions serve as beacons of excellence, nurturing talent, fostering creativity, and shaping the minds of tomorrow's leaders. As we delve into the highlights of 2023, we celebrate the countless milestones, triumphs, and breakthroughs that defined our collective pursuit of excellence.

Our organization experienced a remarkable journey filled with growth, innovation, and unparalleled achievement. Celebrate with us the highlights of this past year:

1. Artistic Excellence: Throughout 2023, FWAFA and TeSA continued to shine brightly on the artistic stage, with our students showcasing their exceptional talents in a myriad of disciplines. From captivating theatrical and dance productions to mesmerizing choir performances and stunning visual arts exhibitions, our students demonstrated a level of skill and creativity that is truly awe-inspiring.
2. National and International Recognition: The artistic prowess of Texas Boys Choir, Singing Girls of Texas, and our other artistic programs gained attention not only locally but also nationally and internationally. Our performers and artists were invited to participate in prestigious competitions, festivals, and exhibitions, where they garnered accolades and recognition for their outstanding work, further cementing our reputation as a beacon of artistic excellence.
3. Academic Achievement: Beyond the arts, FWAFA and TeSA remained committed to academic excellence, empowering students to excel in their studies and pursue their passions with diligence and dedication. Through rigorous coursework, interdisciplinary projects, and experiential learning opportunities, our students continued to thrive academically, demonstrating their ability to balance artistic pursuits with scholastic achievement.
4. Community Engagement: TCA+A stayed deeply engaged with the local community, enriching the cultural landscape of Fort Worth and beyond. Through outreach programs like our afterschool and summer conservatories, collaborative initiatives, and partnerships with local organizations, our students and staff shared their talents with a wider audience while giving back to the community who supports them.
5. Resilience and Adaptability: In the face of unprecedented challenges posed by coming out of the global pandemic, FWAFA and TeSA demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability. Through innovative approaches to teaching, learning, and performances, we ensured our students continued to receive the highest quality education and artistic training in a safe and supportive environment.

As we look back on 2023, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our dedicated faculty and staff, the boundless talent and dedication of our students, and the steadfast commitment of our parents and community partners.

Together, we overcame obstacles, achieved milestones, and forged ahead on our journey of artistic and academic excellence. As we embark on the year ahead, let us carry forward the spirit of innovation, collaboration, and creativity that defines us, as we continue to inspire, educate, and empower the next generation of artists, scholars, and leaders.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anika Perkins
President/CEO and Superintendent



Congratulations

to the Class of

2023



FWAFA 2023 graduating class
\$6.6 million
total scholarship offers

College Acceptances

- | | |
|--|--|
| Abilene Christian University | School of the Art Institute of Chicago |
| American Dramatic and Music Academy (AMDA) | School of Visual Arts |
| Austin College | Shenandoah University |
| Arizona State University | Southern Methodist University |
| Baylor University | State University of New York at Fredonia |
| Belmont University | St. Louis University |
| Benedictine College | Syracuse University |
| Bethel Conservatory of the Arts | Tarleton State University |
| Brenau University | Texas A&M University |
| Centenary College of Louisiana | Texas Christian University |
| Champlain College | Texas State University |
| Chapman University | Texas Tech University |
| Coastal Carolina University | Texas Wesleyan University |
| Colorado State University | Texas Woman's University |
| Cornish College of the Arts | Universidad de Puerto Rico |
| Dallas Baptist University | Universidad del Sagrado Corazón |
| Dean College | University of Alabama |
| Drexel University | University of Arizona |
| Elon University | University of Arkansas |
| Emerson College | University of Birmingham (UK) |
| Fordham University | University of California Berkeley |
| Furman University | University of California Santa Barbara |
| Hollins University | University of Central Oklahoma |
| Ithaca College | University of Charleston |
| Jacksonville University | University of Colorado Boulder |
| Louisiana State University | University of Colorado-Colorado Springs |
| Marymount Manhattan College | University of Exeter (UK) |
| Marquette University | University of Georgia |
| Millikin University | University of Idaho |
| Molloy College | University of Law (UK) |
| New York University | University of Michigan |
| North Carolina A&T State University | University of Minnesota |
| Northeastern University | University of North Carolina |
| Northern Michigan University | University of North Texas |
| Northwest College of Art and Design | University of Oklahoma |
| Norwalk Conservatory | University of Pittsburgh |
| Oakland University | University of San Francisco |
| Ohio Northern University | University of Southern California |
| Ohio State University | University of South Florida |
| Oklahoma State University | University of Texas at Arlington |
| Otterbein University | University of Texas at Austin |
| Pace University | University of the Arts |
| Pennsylvania State University | University of the Pacific |
| Point Park University | University of Utah |
| Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design | Virginia Tech |
| Santa Clara University | Weatherford College |
| Sam Houston State University | West Virginia University |
| Sarah Lawrence College | Wilmington University |
| Savannah College of Art and Design | |



976 Total Students

642 students at FWAFA
334 students at TeSA



By the Numbers

A

Ranked schools

All TCA+A schools received A rankings on Niche.com

157

Superior Scores and Ratings

Our artists compete in UIL, VASE, and other local, national and international competitions, placing top among their peers

#2

Best Dance Studio

Texas Dance Conservatory voted Silver BEST Dance Studio in 2023 DFW favorites

7

Art Shows

Students at FWAFA and TeSA were able to showcase their artwork on campus

29

Productions

62 total performances including, musicals, plays, dance and choir concerts, and collaborative works

7

Awards

Including Outstanding Choreography and Best Choreography

19

Nominations

Between the Schmidt and Jones, Betty Lynn Buckley, and Broadway Dallas Awards

10,586

Tickets Sold

Several performances sold out, requiring encore shows to be added

FWAFA

B

Above Standard Achievement
FIRST rating by TEA

TeSA

A

Superior Rating
FIRST rating by TEA

Convocation: TCA+A brings together all faculty and staff for the 2nd annual Convocation. Guest speakers included Deborah Ferguson from NBC5, Director of Regional Advocacy, Ari Kinney, and TCA+A Board Chairman, Dan Bates. The event featured several special student performances and an award ceremony for staff celebrating milestones.



OCTOBER

Oklahoma! The Musical a sensational performance goes on to be nominated for various Schmidt and Jones and Betty Buckley awards.

TeSA Stars perform Together We Shine, a variety show featuring theatre, music, and dance.



DECEMBER



FEBRUARY

Texas Children's Choir and their fearless leader are recognized at TMEA. An unforgettable performance and achievement.

TeSA Poetry Slam, an annual event that allows students an opportunity to showcase their talent in writing and performing.



APRIL



Oklahoma! The Musical won the following at Broadway Dallas awards in May 2023:
Outstanding Choreography: Krista Langford, Jenna Williamson, Avery Jessie
Best Supporting Actress: Mia Jacob

Thespian Director Darla Jones was recognized by TCA+A for her continuing work as Secretary of the Texas Thespians Board of Directors and as event director for the Texas Thespians Educator Conference. The 2024 Texas Thespians Educator Conference included over 250 theatre educators, master teachers, and industry professionals.



AUGUST

Student and youngest drummer signed with Mapex Drums, Austin Arbelaez had the pleasure of spending the day backstage and on-set with Pitbull's drummer, Carlos Palmet.



SEPTEMBER



NOVEMBER

Nine FWAFA Thespians earned Superior ratings at Texas Thespians State Festival in Grapevine. The International Thespian Excellence Awards recognize the highest level of achievement in school theatre performance, technical theatre, writing, and filmmaking.

FWAFA Faculty gave it their all at the annual Faculty Talent Show.



JANUARY



MARCH

Singing Girls of Texas Tour Choir received Sweepstakes at UIL.

Tammy Smith and Belinda Johnson retire. In honor of their time and dedication, TeSA PTO dedicated the library to Mrs. Smith and a tree to Mrs. Johnson.



MAY



JULY

Summer camps in full swing. Once again TCA+A provides much needed summer educational and fun camps for students interested in art of all types.

Our Year

In Review



Gala 2023

Thanks to the generosity of our FWAFA and TeSA families, the TCA+A community, and community sponsors, the 2023 Neon Moon Gala raised more than \$100,000. A major component of our TCA+A annual Gala are the community sponsors who graciously give towards our largest fundraiser. This year, we raised over \$50,000 in community sponsorships!



\$50k
sponsorship totals



\$33k
table and ticket sales



\$19k
silent auction

The TCA+A Gala show was produced by Lindy Heath. The show featured performances by students from Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, Texas School of the Arts, Children's Choir of Texas, Academy Dance Company, Singing Girls of Texas, Advanced Acting, and Texas Boys Choir.

In addition to the show, guests were treated to a hosted bar and catering from Magdalena's. VIP guests enjoyed a performance by Big City Duo featuring FWAFA and Texas Boys Choir alumnus, Keith Groh II. The after party carried on until midnight with live music from Neon Prophets.

Penny Clay accepted the inaugural award named after her.

The Penny Clay award was initiated in August 2023 to honor a stakeholder or stakeholders who have significantly contributed to the continued prosperity and resilience of the organization as a whole.



Boots & Bow Ties

Save The Date

The 2024 TCA+A Gala will be held on August 24, 2024!
ArtsAcademics.org/gala



FINANCIALS

How are Charter Schools Funded? Charter schools receive state funds based on the number of students who attend (same as traditional public schools). However, charter schools receive less funding than traditional public schools as they do not receive any local taxpayer dollars. -txcharterschools.org

Due to the absence of local tax dollars, charters receive **94%** of the funding that traditional ISDs collect.

On average, this equates to **\$700** less per student each year.

Grants and Awards

- December 2022 Rea Charitable Trust awards TCA+A \$10,000 for general operations.
- July 2023 Amon G. Carter Foundation donated \$5,000 to support Texas Boys Choir.
- \$50,000 awarded from the Sid Richardson Foundation.
 - \$25,000 was allocated for IT upgrades
 - \$25,000 was used to update the FWAFA auditorium projector
- \$10,000 Grant is awarded to TCA+A for renovations of TeSA's floors in the black box theater.
- The annual Gala raised more than \$100,000.

Other Funding

\$11,667

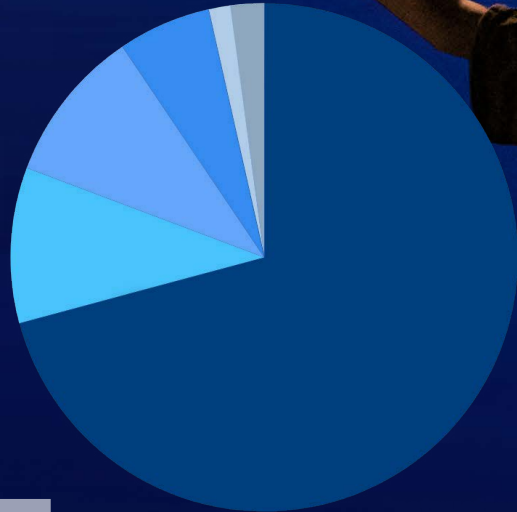
2022 North Texas Giving Day

Contributions of 85 donors

\$41,742

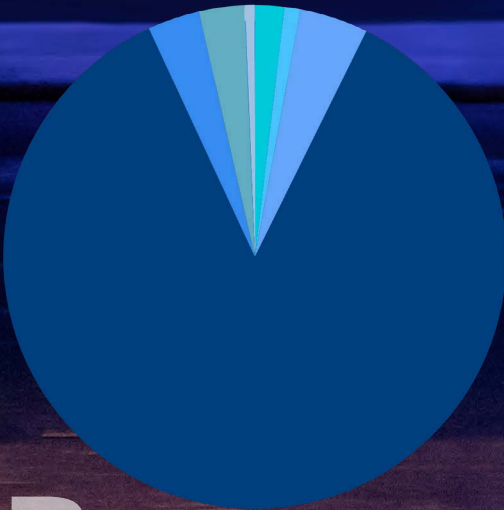
Summer Camp Sales

- \$7,500,179 - Instructional and Leadership Services
- \$1,048,256 - Support Services
- \$1,040,618 - Administrative Support
- \$627,274 - Student Support
- \$141,936 - Debt Services
- \$231,774 - Fundraising



Expenses

Total - \$10,590,037



Revenue

Total - \$10,801,000

- \$9,168,999 - State Programs
- \$469,622 - Program Services
- \$356,996 - Federal Programs
- \$313,196 - Cocurricular & Enterprising Activities
- \$200,773 - Contributions
- \$110,376 - Fundraising
- \$68,943 - Other

2022-2023 Fundraising

\$50,000+

Sid W. Richardson Foundation

\$10,000-\$25,000

Frost Bank

Rea Charitable Trust

William and Catherine Bryce Memorial Trust

\$5,000-\$9,999

Amon G. Carter Foundation

Daniel & Shelli Bates

Patrick & Penny Clay

Matthew Deen

Higginbotham

Carolyn Martchenke

Taylor Farms

Virginia Watson

\$1,000-\$4,999

John Bean

John & Donna Belew

James Brittain

Valle Caldwell

Leasor Crass, P.C.

Norlie Flores

Flynn O'Hara Uniforms, Inc.

Alec Jhangiani

Monique Johnson

Steven Johnson

Paul Kerpoe

Kindyle Ledingham

Sean Looney

Elena Lucas

Lynn Pointer

FWAFA PTSO

Leslie Silvey

Ken Tabor

Gigi Westerman

Phyllis Wilcox

Xerox Business Solutions Southwest

\$501-\$999

Robert Azerad

Ballard Family Dentistry

David Brown

Cecile Montgomery

Charitable Account

Maria Hartung

Trakenya Hayes & Calvin Hayes-Smith

Ricki and Ethan Klos

Pamela Lammons

Craig Meyer

Willa Mills

Aliza Mitchell

TeSA PTO

Leslie Scott

Amy and Brian Singleterry

The Merck Foundation

Odette Tomlinson

Dana Adams-Wal
Cary Adkinson
Stacy Aguilar
Lindsey Akey
Michelle Albian
Natoya Aleo
Gregory Alvarado
Amazon Smile
Tina Andrews
Larry & Karen Anfin
Kelley Angle
David Arbelaez
Tammy Austin
Stephanie Ayala
Elizabeth Azerad
Evan Baierlipp
Kim, Scott and Miles Baker
Paula Bang
Alex Barther & Delicia
Barther-Baxter
Ronald Barton
Patricia and Michael
Baumann
Jacob Belk
Jennifer Bellamy
Alycia Bennett
Brian Best
Kayla Bradford
Regina Brady
Tyler Bray
Glendon Brewster
James Brittain
Alisha Brown
Mandy Brunson
Britney Burnett
Stephen Byford
Brandy & Casey Caldwell
Jan Carden
Brie Carlson
Leah Carnahan
Maria & Miguel Carranza
Cheryl Caruso
Olivia Case
Mijken Castillo
Sarah Cavanaugh
Cecile Montgomery
Charitable Account
Myrian & Isabelo Cerno
Juana Y Cervantes
Stephanie Chabora
Nancy Champion
Janet Charon
Keisha Clayton
Gary Clayton
Larry and Jeannie Coggins
Bruce Collins
Linda S Collins
Rusty Collins
Sara Compton
Betsy Compton
Bill Cook
Leslie Cook
Christian & Sara Cox
Brandy Cox
Tracie Cox
Summer Cox
Shelea Crecy
Karen Crow
Diana Cruz
Steve and Marcy Dages
Lisa & Russell Dalton
Pam Davis
Stacy & Donovan Decuir

Belinda Deen
Laura DeLuna
Patrick & Mary Diggs
Anonymous Donor
Anonymous Donor
Martha Dozier
Nathan Draughn
Michele Edmiston
Susan A. Edusei
Gina Ellis
Andrew Escobar
Liz Espinoza
Jessica Falcon
Diane Ferguson
Vanessa Fernandez
Sheyna Ferraro
Alesha Ferro
Celeste and Joe Filar
Jolene & Douglas Finke
Elizabeth Finke
Anne Firestone
Patricia Flood
Lottie Fowler
Paula Fukuhara
Stephanie Galas
Gabi Galloway
Linda Galloway
Ayesha Ganguly
Keri Garmon
Mariel and Joey Garza
Sarah Gay
Ginny Gill
Abilio Gonzalez
Violetta Gorecki
Paul & Stephanie Gravley
Sarah Green
Jocelyn Greenman
Amy Gresham
Abbey Griffin
Aly Grober
Keith Groh
Emily Guzman
Michelle Haas
Lauren Hanson
Holly Harper
Lisa Hatfield
Lindy Heath
Samuel Heggins
Rose Heicken
Clarissa Herrera
Mary Ann Heugatter
Parrish Horton
Sandra Houston
Sarah Hughes
Michael Ikeda
Seon Young IM
Caitlin Jackson
Kylonnice Jackson
Jennifer Jackson
Debbie Jacob
Andrea Jacobs
Denise Jennings
Clay & Kimberly Jennings
Sandra Jessie
Nancy Jeter
Belinda & Christopher Johnson
Marla Jones
Carley Jones
Andrea Jones
John & Darla Jones
Kanjana Kanjina
Kay Keith
Tikkam Kemallee

Nancy Kirby
Dasondria Kirk
Don and Stephanie Klick
Tam Klopfenstein
Hana & Helen Lam
Tiffany Lancaster
Ashley Landers
Krista Langford
Chelsea Leche
Destin Leija
Gayla Lemus
Margie Lilly
Susan Little
Elizabeth Liu
Angeleigh Long
Lindsay Longacre
Sean Looney
Shay Lozada
Larry Maddox
Paulina Magdaleno
Michael Magnus
Andy Magnus
Rebecca Magnus
Jean Mankin
Blair Manning
John Maples
Marble Slab Creamery
Laura Markland
Hannah Marshall
Riley Marshall
Dana Martin
Susan Martin
Veronika Martin
Danel Mason
Charles Mattera
Aija Mattera
Darla McDonald
Cynthia McGinley
Jessica and Brady
McGuinness
Deborah McNary
Misty Mehrtens
Julisa Melendez
Bradley & Rebecca Melton
Laura & Till Meyn
Nyssa Milburn
Erin Mills
Willa Jo & Erin Mills
Lori Mitchell
Susie Moore
Veronica Morris
Scott Mueller
Julie Murray
Tiffany Myles
Linda Nevitt
Ammie Nicholls
Shelby Nugent
Oscar Olvera
Ashley Palmatier
Andrea Palmer
Harry & Karen Parker
Natalie Parker
Anika Perkins
Angela Petty
Stephen Poe
Kevin & Cynthia Polman
Ashley Powada
Todd Prickett
Amy Prickett
Kristin Priest
Norma Quinn
Udrika Ramsey
Nikki Reale

Charles Reid
Raquel Reising
Maggi Rizzo
Julee Roark
Edna Robinson
Jennifer Roby
Laura Rodriguez
Amy Rojas
John Rolader
Lindsey Rushenn
Tessica Russell
Kari Saddler
Beth Salem
Joyce Schofield
Mike & Carol Schultz
Greg & Jennifer Seabrooke
Monica Sheehan
Jennifer Sheffield
Kristin Siegel
Leslie Silvey
Steve & Rebecca Simicek
Marti Slaughter
Jennifer Slightom-Jones
Karen Smith
Dan & Lisa Smith
Tammy Smith
Kirsten Smith
Megan Southern
Adrian Sovik
Bethany Staub
Michelle Steele
Stephanie and
Dave Stoner
Katie Summerfield
Cathy and Mark
Summers
Chelsie Synatschk
Peter Szok
Cameron Szok
Brione Temple
Steven Terry
Texas Instruments
Foundation
Spivey & Ursula Thomas
Gracie Topel
Noah Towe
Lauren Trickett
Beth Umholtz
Teresa Valderas
Anya Valdez
Lori Vasquez
Emily Villanueva
David Wallace
Marty Walter
Mark & Amanda Warren
Karen West
Lauren Whitson
Ryan Wiggins
Teresa Williams
Tina Williams
Mica Wolf
Jenny Wolff
Michael Wood
Danielle Woodall
Herbert & Cynthia
Wooldridge
Jessica Wozniak
Tricia Wubs
Yan Xu
Kathryn Yarbrough
Zim & Mary Zimmerman
Todd Zombar

*Every effort is made to recognize all donors. If a mistake is made in the list, please accept our apologies, and notify us immediately at 817-766-2390 ext. 172 or email Torie Skinner, Director of Development torie.skinner@artsacademics.org

Supporters



SID W. RICHARDSON
FOUNDATION



William and Catherine
Bryce Memorial Trust

Rea Charitable Trust



AMON G. CARTER
FOUNDATION



Certified Public Accountant

FWAFA PTSO

TeSA PTO

Texas Center for Arts + Academics

2022-2023 Board of Trustees:

- Daniel Bates, Chairman
- Cheryl Bean, Director
- Melissa Goodroe, Past Chairman
- Charles Reid, Director
- Leslie Scott, Chairman Elect/ Secretary
- Mary Zimmerman, Director

Administrative Staff TCA+A:

- Anika Perkins – CEO/President and Superintendent
- Penny Clay – Executive Assistant & Board Liaison
- Kati Burke – Chief Financial Officer
- Jocelyn Greenman – Staff Accountant
- Lacey Johnson – Human Resources Manager
- Torie Skinner – Director of Development
- Flor D. Cabrera – Director of Marketing and Communications
- Krista Langford – Director of Admissions & Community Outreach
- Julianna Travis – TCA+A Administrative Assistant
- Dr. Jennifer Jackson – FWAFA Principal
- Kiera Wallace – FWAFA Assistant Principal
- Betsy Compton – TeSA Principal





TeSA PTO

President - Jessica Wozniak
VP of Fundraising - Angela Carter - Petty
Treasurer - Sandra Houston
Parliamentarian - Daisy Adebayo
TCA+A Board Liaison - Luke Byford
Communications Secretary - Vrajhi Durham
Recording Secretary - Stacy Strayer
Family Events - Aija Mattera
Spirit Wear - Rebecca Simicek
Website - Stacy Aguilar
Square 1 Art - Cami Lane
Book Fair - Amy Ting
Uniform Resale and Social
Media Chair - Tiffany Myles
Volunteer Coordinator, Library Coordinator,
and Dance-a-Thon chair - Brie Carlson

FWAFA PTSO

President - Dana Martin
First VP Membership - Allyson Grand
Second VP Fundraising
Amy Martin, Lucy Castillo
Uniform Resale Coordinators
Cameron Szok, Nadyelli Rodriguez, Jordan Heddins
Treasurer - Valle Caldwell
Secretary - Caroline Poe
Parliamentarian - Shasa Thomas
Communications Chair - Tiffany Myles
Staff Appreciation Chairs
Sarah Jirka, Ginger Watson, Lynn Pointer
Social Committee Chairs
Tiffany Myles, Stephanie Reeves
Family Ambassador Chair - Natoya Alee
Arts and Enrichment Chair - Valle Caldwell
Spirit Shop Coordinators
Jessica McGuinness, Amy Gresham
Teacher Representatives
Ryan Wiggins, Mandy Warren
NHS Student Representatives
Ella Korngut, Zoe Smith
Student Council Representative - Acacia Thomas

TEXAS CENTER FOR
ARTS +
ACADEMICS

(817) 766-2390
3901 S. Hulen St.
Fort Worth, TX 76109

ArtsAcademics.org

info@artsacademics.org

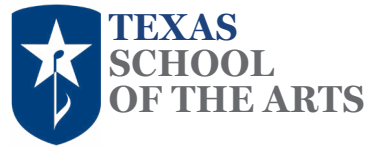
[@ArtsAcademics](#)



info@FWAFA.org

[f](#) [@AcademyFineArts](#)

[@FWAFAofficial](#)



info@myTeSA.org

[f](#) [@TexasSchooloftheArts](#)

[@TeSA_fw](#)