

# CELEBRATE THE ARTS AT THE FIRST ACADEMY !

## All School

- **Christmas Program:** All K Prep -5<sup>th</sup> grade students along with the Royal Concert Band, Royal Steel, Middle School Concert Band, Royal Ensemble, Royal Choir and Upper School Theater students presented an outstanding program this year. There were more than 2,000 family and friends in attendance.

## Lower School:

- **The Evening at the Arts:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grader actors presented the classic musical, *Cinderella*. The evening also included a visual art show as well as performances by the ECC Steel drum band, the Royal Choir and a special number by the premier TFA ladies ensemble. It truly was an “evening at the arts.”
- **Visual Arts:** 40 Students had their Christmas card projects entered in the *Orlando Sentinel's* Annual Holiday Art Contest—8 of whom won awards out of 2000+ entries! Three other students won awards in the “Art with a Purpose “ children’s art contest. All LS students had their artwork presented at our 3 on-campus art shows: *Christmas Art Show, Art for Grandparents* and *Evening at the Arts*. The Windermere Among the Lakes Art Show was opportunity for our LS students to display their talents.
- **The Royal Choir** performed several times this year They perform music that is well above the average musical level for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. They harmonize and demonstrate vocal technique and superb blending skills.

## Middle School:

- **Theater:** Students, teachers and parents helped produce a wonderfully whimsical show this fall, *Suessical, Jr.* Costumes, sets and performers came together to create a Suessian world that emphasized the importance of every person—“no matter how small.”
- **Visual Arts** students showed their work at the Windermere Among the Lakes Art exhibit and contest. Three students, Lexi Berger, Brooke Hill and Hannah Montes, were chosen to submit their work to the *Florida Art Education Associations Digital Art Exhibition*.
- **Dance:** The Sapphires dance troupe are shared the Gospel through dance and testimony at the House of Hope on April 7<sup>th</sup>. They also performed at several events throughout the year. They truly glorify God in their performances.
- **Royal Academy of the Arts Steel Drum** class performed at the Evening of the Arts and at the TFA Spring Concert.

## Upper School:

- **Theater** students wrote and produced an original one act, *Dear Haiti*, which received accolades at both district and state thespian festivals. This touching play chronicled the experiences of students in Haiti at the time of the earthquake and the reactions of their fellow students back at TFA. The spring musical, *Hello, Dolly!* was a big success and showcased several students new to the theater scene. Music, costumes, and sets transported audiences back to Edwardian times for a wonderful evening of entertainment.
- **Visual Arts** students showed their work at:
  - Windermere Among the Lakes Art exhibit and contest
  - Upper School Visual Arts Exhibit in May.
  - Florida Art Education Associations Digital Art Exhibition* –Six students were nominated to show their work-Tamara Allen, Kyle Cotton, Maya Simaan, Caroline Tesch, Allyssa Velez, Kaitlin YatesThree students won Florida Art Association Awards: Tamara Allen—Award of Excellence, Lauren Salter—Award of Merit, Caroline Tesch—Award of Merit. Portfolio students displayed their exciting work at TFA'S Portfolio Student Exhibit. Four TFA Visual Arts students have been accepted into highly selective art programs at the Ringling School of Art & Design, Florida Southern University and at Savannah School of Art & Design.
- **Royal Band:** Marching Band performed their nostalgic Motown show at all home Football games this year—it was a real crowd pleaser! They also marched in the Orlando Veteran's Day Parade, which was televised, and in the Winter Park Christmas Parade and played at *TFA's Christmas Program*. The Royal Concert Band received straight Superior ratings at the ACSI Concert Band Festival in March and attended Band Festivals at Disney World and Universal Studios in the spring. The Spring Concert was their final performance of the year.
- **Royal Steel**, the Upper School steel drum band, performed at this year's Christmas program and at the Gala. They offered their services for auction as well—one lucky family had their stylings set the mood for a luau last Spring They also performed at the Spring Concert.