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Yazzy Faculty

Donald Walters & Charles Walker
Music Coordinators/
Instrumental Music Teachers

Nolan Budgewater
Artistic Director/ Theater Teacher

Khayla Maywether
Theater Assistant

Kimberly Johnson
Dance Choreographer

Joanne Black & Keanah Jones
Visual Arts Teachers
Set Designers

Devon King, Iris S. Ester,
& Marcia Nelson
Voice Teachers

Julie B. Lester
Music/Voice Consultant

TPA Staff

Gloria C. Gipson
Founder/Executive Director

Martina G. Williams
Director

Pamela B. Levy
Finance Clerk

*"The arts gives wings to
the mind and flight
to the imagination!"*

TPA Board Members

Eursla D. Hardy, Chairwoman

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Allison Washington

Ryan Williams

2023 Events & Activities:

February 25, 2023

Yazzy Field Trip
MS Civil Rights Theater &
New Stage Theater
Jackson, Mississippi

April 27 & 28, 2023

MS Puppet Arts Theatre presents
Trickster Tales
starring "Anansi & The Spider"
for school age children
grades Pre-K thru 5th grade
2 performances a day

June 12 thru July 28, 2023

30th Annual Yazzy Summer Morning Mix

Classes Monday thru Wednesday
from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
& Saturday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Grand Finale Production on
Friday, July 28, 7:00 pm,
at The Riverview Theatre,
600 Clyde Fant Pkwy.

