

April 2023

Dear SMARTS Friends:

SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, is a community art school that has a long history in our region of providing *free* classes to PK-12 students in visual art, music, dance, theater, and creative writing. This year, SMARTS is wrapping up its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations with the Joy of SMARTS, which will take place Friday, June 30, 2023 from 5:30-9:30 pm at our facility in the historic Ohio One Building downtown.



Formally known as Art for SMARTS, the Joy of SMARTS was renamed in 2022 in honor of SMARTS long-time friend and past Circle Member, Joy White. Joy was a lifetime resident and local artist who created this event in 2015 to help us raise funds while SMARTS transitioned to the community. Joy's vision for SMARTS' future and belief in our Mission allows us to continue her legacy with this event. This year alone, we had over 50 SMARTS teachers working with more than 8,000 students both here at SMARTS and out in the community.

**We are reaching out to emerging and established artists to ask you to consider donating one or more pieces of your art for our sale at this event.** Our goal is to acquire 100 (or more!) original works that will be auctioned or sold at this event. All contributing artists will be recognized in the digital event program and applicable press materials. In exchange for your donation, you will be on the VIP guest list to attend *for free*. VIP Tickets for this fundraiser will cost \$50 each for the preview from 5:30-6:30 pm, and \$25 general admission from 6:30-9:30 pm.

You will meet and mingle with patrons and friends of SMARTS, enjoy live music by JD Eicher, watch a demonstration of contemporary portrait painting by Bobbie Fertig, & purchase art and swag from the SMARTS store. This is an adult event, so be ready to enjoy light appetizers & a cash bar featuring a bourbon taste, wine, and Modern Methods Brewing Company! All proceeds will support SMARTS Programming. After the event, you will receive a letter for tax purposes regarding your donation, based on the dollar amount your work sells for.

Requirements for donated works are as follows:

1. All donations must be original artwork/s created by an artist. We will accept signed and numbered prints, paintings, photography, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, arts services, arts lessons, arts related gift cards or certificates, handmade clothing or shoes, floral, and/or historical signed pieces. They can be either decorative, commercial, and/or fine art.
2. We prefer donations to be display-ready, but SMARTS can provide assistance (please contact us for more details).
3. Please complete the attached donation form. **Artwork will be accepted through June 16, 2023.**
4. Images of original work may be used for publicity and/or promotional purposes and printed in the event program.

Please feel free to contact me at 330-574-2787, or [bkeck@smartsartschool.org](mailto:bkeck@smartsartschool.org) if you would like more information. You can visit the SMARTS website at [www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS23](http://www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS23) where you can see up to date information on the event.

We would truly appreciate the donation of your work/s to help us to make this event a success. We look forward to hearing from you and enjoying an evening of great art together.

All the best,



Rebecca L. Keck, SMARTS President

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**Joy of SMARTS—Friday, June 30, 2023**

**Artist Donation Information**

*In exchange for their donation, Artists will receive 1 ticket (valued at \$50) and it will be for entire event (including VIP hour), 5:30-9:30 pm.*

Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (If different): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to include the following information in the event catalog (please mark):

Name                       Business Name                       Email                       Website Other

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

SMARTS Donation Information – I will deliver the work on this date:

- June 12, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- June 13, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- June 14, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- June 15, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- June 16, 2023/ noon — 4:00 pm

Ohio One Building, 25 East Boardman Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503, 330-574-2787.

SMARTS Entrance is on Boardman Street. You can pull right in front of our door in the 30-minute drop-off zone and bring your artwork inside. Feel free to call ahead to let us know you are coming.

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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SMARTS, Ohio One, 25 East Boardman Street  
First Floor, Youngstown, OH 44503

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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Medium Description:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Size (Inches x Inches):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Artist Bio (Please keep to 100 words or less):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me to schedule pick-up: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this document, I acknowledge that images of my work may be used for promotional and/or publicity purposes as well as printed in the event catalog. I attest that my donation meets the requirements of donated works (see donation letter).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**JOY of SMARTS Event information:**

JOIN US as we celebrate with art, music, & merriment to support SMARTS in honor of the legacy of our friend & past SMARTS Circle member, Joy White. Bid on your favorite works from local & regional artists, hear live acoustic music by JD Eicher, watch live art demonstrations, & purchase art & swag from the SMARTS store. This is an adult event so be ready to enjoy light appetizers & a cash bar featuring a bourbon taste, wine, & Modern Methods Brewing Company!

WHO: Anyone who loves art and wants to support quality arts education in the Mahoning Valley.

WHEN: Friday, June 30, 2023

VIP Preview Party: 5:30-6:30 pm Main Event: 6:30-9:30 pm  
Tickets are limited! \$50 VIP, \$25 Main Event  
Order tickets or make a donation: [www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS23](http://www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS23)

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### SMARTS Mission

SMARTS community art school provides access and early training in the arts for our region's PK-12 youth with a focus on underserved populations. SMARTS engages public and private organizations, schools, and artists in cooperative projects designed to enrich our community, promote student achievement, inspire self-discovery, and impact cultural and academic literacy through fine and performing arts.

### SMARTS Vision

SMARTS community art school will continue to be the leader in quality arts education in our region, state, and nation by serving our community's youth. SMARTS will provide quality arts education and promote our regions arts and culture by establishing partnerships, working with public and private organizations, and representing the diversity of our community.

### SMARTS Education Philosophy

SMARTS believes every person is an artist, an individual who creates, innately possesses a creative mind and personal voice, a desire to express their perspective and experiences, a need to be inspired or have purpose, and a need to have enjoyment in life. Art is the work of an artist, and is any original work that conveys meaning or a message and provides a creative outlet for the artist.

SMARTS aims to develop student artists by teaching them to think, create, and view their world with the perspective of an artist. SMARTS allows students to develop as artists in the following ways: 1) cultivating personal identity as an artist; 2) developing technical skills in the arts; 3) building relationships with mentoring artists; 4) collaborating with peer artists from diverse backgrounds; 5) experimenting, exploring new arts mediums, and taking risks; 6) nurturing inspiration and curiosity; and 7) having fun in the arts.

SMARTS believes that teaching, itself, is an art form, and SMARTS supports teaching artists to be lifelong learners of pedagogy and their arts content by helping them develop as educators through instructional coaching, implementation of state standards, and professional development. SMARTS believes it is important for teaching artists to collaborate both as artists and educators in order to acquire new skills, inspiration, and to continue to find fulfillment in their art.

SMARTS believes effective teaching for the arts must: 1) be safe, accepting, and supportive in relationships and environment; 2) be taught by practicing artists who follow best practices for teaching and learning in their discipline; 3) build students' technical, cognitive, and social-emotional skills; 4) teach students to study art, listen to other artists, respond to art, create art, and present their art; 5) emphasize the process, not the product; 6) emphasize growth, not expertise; and 7) encourage a sense of community and equality.



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SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, is always looking to hire Community Teaching Artists (CTAs). SMARTS CTAs are artists first, who are hired & trained by SMARTS to expose students in our communities to arts and culture. SMARTS CTAs teach for SMARTS in the community at partner locations and for SMARTS Public Programming at its Ohio One facility in Youngstown, or live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS. SMARTS CTAs are expected to teach their arts discipline in a way that fosters the growth and development of student artists, follows SMARTS Educational Philosophy, and meets state learning standards.

If you are interested in working as a SMARTS Community Teaching Artist, give us a call at 330-574-2787 or email [info@smartsartschool.org](mailto:info@smartsartschool.org)

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