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SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts

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THE JOY OF SMARTS TO TAKE PLACE ON Friday, June 30, 2023

A one-night adult event, directly benefitting SMARTS Community Art School. Program includes an auction of nearly 200 works of art from local & regional artist, live acoustic music by JD Eicher and his band, a demonstration of portrait painting by Bobbie Fertig, light appetizers, and a cash bar featuring Modern Methods Brewing Company, wine, and a bourbon taste with our signature cocktail called the 1st Ward."

Youngstown, OH: SMARTS Community Art School is hosting The Joy of SMARTS on Friday, June 30, 5:30-9:30 pm at Ohio One Building, 25 East Boardman Street, First Floor, Youngstown, Ohio 44503. A VIP Preview Party for sponsors, contributing artists, and those that purchase VIP tickets will take place from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at <https://smartsartschool.org/JOS23> or at SMARTS during regular business hours. For more information call 330-574-2787.

Guests can bid on their favorite works from local & regional artists, hear live acoustic music by JD Eicher and his band, watch a demonstration of portrait painting by Bobbie Fertig, enjoy light appetizers by Chef Christopher, and a cash bar featuring Modern Methods Brewing Company, wine, and a bourbon taste with our signature cocktail called the 1st Ward—created by our friends at the Youngstown Whisk(e)y Club. You do not want to miss out on this exciting **one-of-a-kind** event.

Our past event, Art for SMARTS, was renamed last year to The Joy of SMARTS in honor of our friend and past SMARTS Circle member, Joy White. Joy was a lifetime resident and local artist who created this event to help SMARTS raise funds while we were transitioning to the community as a stand-alone 501(C)(3). The first event was held in the fall of 2015 before we renovated our new home in the Ohio One Building. Joy created all of the marketing and event materials including the logo, and she nearly single-handedly put the event together because she believed in our mission. We are grateful for her vision and are proud to continue her legacy with The Joy SMARTS event.

"This fundraiser is important to us as we provide more free arts programming to more students this year. We're excited to have so many first-time artists, sponsors, and community members involved in this year's Joy of SMARTS event. Especially as we celebrate our 25th year in the community, it's incredible to see the way SMARTS supporters grow and expand with us. We are excited to honor our friend Joy White with this event." said Sarah Gabrick, SMARTS Assistant Director and Joy of SMARTS organizer.

SMARTS community art school, located in downtown Youngstown's Ohio One Building, 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 www.SmartsArtSchool.org.

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