



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

February 6, 2024

Dear SMARTS Friends:



SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, is focused on planting the seeds for the future of artistic fulfillment and success in the youth of the Mahoning Valley and beyond. As many of you know, we do this by providing *free* classes to PK-12 students in visual art, music, dance, theater, and creative writing. The time has come once again for our yearly celebration of local art – the Joy of SMARTS! This event is a continuation of “Art for SMARTS”, created in 2014 and renamed for past SMARTS Circle member and longtime friend, Joy White. Joy initially started this event, and it is because of her vision for SMARTS’ future and belief in our Mission that allows us to continue her legacy.

We are reaching out to emerging and established artists in our community to ask you to consider donating one or more pieces of your original art OR pieces from your collection of other artists’ work that you may not have use for any longer to put up for auction at this event. Our goal this year is to acquire 120 (or more!) original works that will be auctioned or sold at this event. All donors will be recognized in our digital event program and applicable press materials, and will be placed on the VIP guest list to attend for free (VIP Tickets for this fundraiser will cost \$55 each, and \$30 for general admission). If you choose to donate, you will receive a letter after the event for tax purposes regarding your donation, based on the dollar amount your work sells for. If your piece does not sell, we will price it in the SMARTS Store for sale in the future.

At this event, you will meet and mingle with patrons and friends of SMARTS, enjoy live music, watch live arts demonstrations, and purchase art and swag from the SMARTS Store. This is an adult event, so be ready to enjoy light appetizers and a cash bar! All proceeds from this event will go to furthering SMARTS teaching and learning capabilities.

**Guidelines for Artwork Donations**

1. All donations must be original artwork(s) created by an artist. Examples include (but are not limited to): signed and numbered prints, paintings, photography, sculpture, arts lessons/services, handmade clothing and jewelry, etc. They can be decorative, commercial, and/or fine art. We prefer that donations be display-ready, and SMARTS is willing to help make it happen (please contact us for more details)
2. Donors must complete the attached donation form. Artwork will be accepted now through **Friday, June 14, 2024**
3. Images of donated artworks 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 Ext. 1, or at [sgabrick@smartsartschool.org](mailto:sgabrick@smartsartschool.org) if you would like more information. You can visit the SMARTS website at [www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS24](http://www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS24), where you can see up to date information on the event. We would truly appreciate the donation of your work(s) to help us make this event a success. We look forward to hearing from you and enjoying an evening of great art together.

All the best,

Sarah Gabrick, SMARTS Assistant Director

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**Joy of SMARTS—Friday, June 21, 2024**

**Artist Donation Information**

*In exchange for their donation, Artists will receive 1 ticket (valued at \$55) 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to submit a bio for this event? If yes, a SMARTS team member will reach out to you with instructions:

Yes                      No

**Artwork information**

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

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

Year (leave blank if unknown): \_\_\_\_\_

Size (leave blank if unknown): \_\_\_\_\_

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SMARTS has designated the following times for artwork drop off at **SMARTS, 25 E. Boardman St, Ohio One, First Fl., Youngstown, OH 44503:**

- Monday, June 3, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 4, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 5, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- Thursday, June 6, 2023/ noon — 6:00 pm
- Friday, June 7, 2023/ noon — 4:00 pm

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. If you would like to drop off before these dates, or need to arrange artwork pickup, please call Sarah at 330.574.2787 Ext. 1 or email [Sgabrick@smartsartschool.org](mailto:Sgabrick@smartsartschool.org)

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 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, enjoy live music, watch live art demonstrations, and purchase art & swag from the SMARTS store. This is an adults-only event, so be ready to enjoy light appetizers and a cash bar!

VIP Preview Party: 5:30-6:30 pm Main Event: 6:30-9:30 pm  
SMARTS, 25 E. Boardman St. Ohio One, First Floor, Youngstown, OH 44503  
Tickets are limited! \$55 VIP, \$30 Main Event  
Order tickets or make a donation: [www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS24](http://www.SmartsArtSchool.org/JOS24)

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