

April 7, 2025



## Dear SMARTS Friends,

SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, is celebrating our 28th year in the community as a leader in arts education. 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 the event, and it is because of her vision for SMARTS' future and belief in our Mission that allows us to continue her legacy. I know many of you were friends of Joy's.

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 could find a new home 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 art donors will be recognized in our digital event program and applicable press materials. You'll also be our guest at the VIP Preview Party and attend for free (you will receive **one** VIP ticket; VIP tickets for this fundraiser are \$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. If your piece does not sell, we will price it in the SMARTS Store for sale throughout the year.

At this event, you will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with friends and patrons 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' reach in our community. With your help, last year we raised \$41,000 with this event!

### 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 arrive display-ready, although we can work with you to prepare your work (please contact us for more details).
2. Donors must complete the attached donation form, or go to [link here](#) (or scan QR code). Artwork will be accepted now through Friday, June 13, 2025.
3. Images of donated artworks may be used for publicity and/or promotional purposes and included in the event program.

Scan to  
complete  
form



Please feel free to contact Abbie Twyford Wilson at 330-574-2787 or at [atwyfordwilson@smartsartschool.org](mailto:atwyfordwilson@smartsartschool.org) with any questions you may have. You can visit [SMARTSArtSchool.org/JOS25](https://SMARTSArtSchool.org/JOS25), where you'll find exciting updates for the event. We would truly appreciate the donation of your work(s) to help us make this event a success, as well as the opportunity to share your creativity with our community. We look forward to hearing from you and enjoying an evening of great art together.

All the best,

Rebecca L. Keck, SMARTS President & Founder

## SMARTS Circle

Rebecca L. Keck, SMARTS President

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## Joy of SMARTS - Friday, June 27, 2025

### Artist Donation Information

*In exchange for their donation, artists/art donors will receive 1 ticket (valued at \$55) for the entire evening (including VIP hour), 5:30-9:30pm.*

Scan to  
complete  
form



*This form may also be completed by scanning the QR code above.*

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Website/Social Media: \_\_\_\_\_

### I wish to include the following information in the event catalog & artist directory (please mark):

☐ Name ☐ Business Name ☐ Email ☐ Website/Socials ☐ Phone

☐ I would prefer to remain anonymous.

Would you like to submit a short bio and photo of yourself for this event? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
 If yes, a SMARTS staff member will reach out to you:

### Artwork Information

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

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

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

If you are not the original artist, please include the name of the artist here: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

If you are not the original artist, please include the name of the artist here: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are not the original artist, please include the name of the artist here: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**If you are not the original artist, please include the name of the artist here:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 2: 10am-5pm

Wednesday, June 4: 10am-**6pm**

Tuesday, June 3: 10am-5pm

Thursday, June 5: 10am-5pm

Friday, June 6: 10am-5pm

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 Abbie at 330-574-2787 Ext. 1 or email [atwyfordwilson@smartsartschool.org](mailto:atwyfordwilson@smartsartschool.org).

By signing this document, I acknowledge that images of my work may be used for promotional and/or publicity purposes as well as included 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. Enjoy light appetizers and a cash bar at this *adults-only event*.

**VIP Preview Party: 5:30 - 6:30pm**

**Main Event: 6:30 - 9:30pm**

SMARTS, 25 E. Boardman St., Ohio One, First Floor, Youngstown, OH 44503

***Tickets are limited!***

VIP - \$55      Main Event Only - \$30

Reserve your tickets or make a donation: [www.SMARTSArtSchool.org/JOS25](http://www.SMARTSArtSchool.org/JOS25)