

The Ohio State University Faculty Club

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OHIO STATE FACULTY CLUB PLANS 13TH ANNUAL ART AUCTION

The Ohio State University Faculty Club's 13th annual art auction on Friday evening, March 10, will benefit restoration of the club's iconic 1923 Steinway Grand Model L Piano.

The art auction will consist of both silent and live auctions. The preview and silent auction will start at 6 p.m. The live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available. Both auctions will be free to the public and held at the Faculty Club, 181 S. Oval Drive on Ohio State's Columbus campus.

"The Steinway piano has been a fixture at the club since our founding in 1923," explains Jeff White, executive director of the Faculty Club. "It is an important piece of our history, present and future, and has been restored to its former grandeur with key components replaced with new and authentic Steinway & Sons parts."

The club has been raising funds for several years to pay for the restoration, which was done last year. The piano was disassembled last May and transported to Hartzler Pianos in Galena, Ohio. The restored instrument returned to the club in December. The club will celebrate the restoration with a special event being planned for this spring.

David G. Terry, a Columbus auctioneer who is licensed and bonded by the State of Ohio, will preside over the sales. A recognized painter and art restorer, he directs his own company, Dave Terry Fine Art Restoration.

Artists and collectors with ties to Ohio State and central Ohio are contributing artworks and collectibles to the live and silent auctions, including paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics, glass, tribal art and hand-crafted jewelry.

The Faculty Club's handsome sandstone building, completed in 1939, stands along the south rim of the Oval between historic Orton Hall and the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library. For more than 20 years, the club has hosted an ongoing series of art exhibitions, featuring artists with ties to the university.

The art auction is an opportunity both for community members to contribute items to the auction and for the art collector, new or experienced, to find in one place a rare mix of pieces from estates, university donors, artists, collectors, and club members – all happening on one relaxed evening.

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Terry, who lives in Valleyview, is the art auction committee chair. Serving on the auction committee are: Fred Fochtman of Clintonville; Lisa Craig Morton of Victorian Village; Steve and Karen Sterrett of Clintonville; Sharon Weiss of Columbus; Marion Fisher of Worthington; and White of Lewis Center.

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