Art Museum Partners With Local Florists to Fuel Bus Fund

NORMAN – Beautiful blossoms are paired with artwork and wine as Toast to the Arts returns to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. Visitors age 21 and up are invited to enjoy unique pairings of art, sips and bites while admiring four elegant arrangements from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at the museum.

Toast to the Arts: Bubbles and Blossoms is the museum’s annual spring fundraiser. This year, the evening’s proceeds will benefit transportation funds for educational field trips to the museum, which will help public school students learn how to interpret art and culture. Also new this year will be a display of floral arrangements crafted by local florists and inspired by the permanent collection. Floral arrangements are generously provided by Birdie Blooms, Michael Pullen Design, Redbud Floral and Wright’s Flower Market.

“Toast to the Arts returns this year, bigger than ever,” said Stephanie O’Hara, event chairman. “We are excited to earmark the proceeds from this event to school bus and transportation funds for future museum trips. Come raise a glass with us on Feb. 24 and help us toast the arts.”

During the event, attendees will sample wines and beers and enjoy an assortment of hors d’oeuvres from Abbey Road Catering, Apple Tree Chocolates, Food for Thought, Gaberino’s Homestyle Italian, Homeland, O Asian Fusion, Legend’s Restaurant, and Scratch. Beverages will be provided by Republic National Distributing Co. Pianist and singer Shaun Suttle will provide entertainment, and complimentary valet parking will be provided by Sooner Valet throughout the event.

Tickets are $50 for members and $75 for non-members, and can be purchased online at Eventbrite, through the museum’s website, or by calling (405) 325-2297.
The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the museum is complimentary to all visitors, thanks to a generous gift from the OU Athletics Department. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma.

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