



Press Release

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“007” THEME CHOSEN FOR OPSU ART AUCTION ANNUAL PAUL FARRELL MEMORIAL SET FOR MARCH 4TH

Goodwell, Oklahoma- OPSU Art Department, in conjunction with Images Art Club, Friday March 4th: The Annual Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction honors the late artist, Paul Farrell. Paul was a wonderful artist though he lost one of his eyes in his later years. It was during this time in his life that Bryon Test, art department chair and instructor helped Paul rediscover his love of painting. After Paul’s passing the art department decided to honor his love for art and his heart of giving by naming the Auction after him.

The annual auction has been a significant tool used to help artists learn to do business and work with public. “This auction is a great way for young artists to get that one-on-one experience doing business with art patrons- something not normally taught in schools”, said Brenton Kirkhart, former student and artist. However, it’s not only a great opportunity for artists currently attending OPSU, it also benefits the school by raising money for scholarships for other students who are planning to attend and become artists. Since the inception of the annual Paul Farrell Memorial Art Auction 16 years ago, many financially endangered students have been able to continue their art education at OPSU.

007 is the selected theme of this year’s Art Auction. Returning this year is entertainer Billy Dawson, a former OPSU student, now Nashville celebrity. Dawson will be performing during the event. Catering of the auction is by Hunny’s of Guymon, serving a prime rib dinner along with a Lent choice of grilled salmon.

This year’s auction is set for March 4th with a social hour starting at 6pm. Dinner will be served at 7pm and the auction starting at 8pm. The event will be held at the Pickle Creek Center. Tickets will be available for purchase from the Images Art Club for \$40 until March 3rd. Due to an increase in demand for tickets, the price this year has been increased. Tickets sold at the door will be \$65. Reserved seating and parking is available upon request at the purchase of you ticket for \$5 each.

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