Gifts of Artwork to DOMA

Thank you for considering the David Owsley Museum of Art for your gift of art. Donations of art are of great benefit to the museum and are largely responsible for making DOMA’s collection one of the finest university collections in the region. If you are contemplating a gift of art, please follow the instructions below.

DOMA is accredited by the American Association of Museums and follows a strict accessions policy concerning the acquisition of art. We consider each potential gift of artwork carefully to ensure that it fits with our mission and collecting strategies.

DOMA requires that all proposed gifts or sales offers be submitted in writing. We are unable to accept unsolicited donations of artwork. Please provide the following information by email or mail to the Registrar and Collection Manager at artmuseum@bsu.edu with the words “Gift,” “Donation,” etc. in the subject line:

- Your name and address
- Artist name and title of work(s)
- Provenance (history of ownership)
- Size, medium, and other description
- Photos of the artwork
- Price (if applicable)

All materials will be reviewed, and you will be notified whether the museum would like to learn more about the work of art and if it fits the collection. Please allow up to four weeks for a response.

Appraisal or Authentication Inquiries

In accordance with museum professional practices and IRS guidelines, museum staff are prohibited from providing appraisals or authentications.

For these services, we recommend contacting the American Society of Appraisers (appraisers.org), Appraisers Association of America (appraisersassociation.org) or an auction house, such as Christie’s (christies.com) or Sotheby’s (sothebys.com). You can request a list of local, regional, and national appraisers and auction houses from the museum at artmuseum@bsu.edu.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the David Owsley Museum of Art.

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