



Open Figure Drawing Inc.
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25th Anniversary

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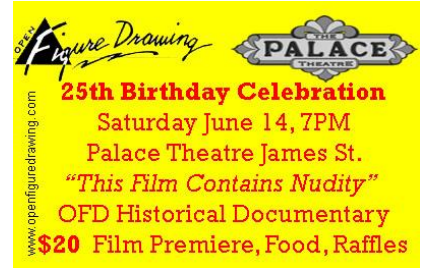
Thanks to all ~20,000 participants in Open Figure Drawing, a grassroots organization. Special thanks go to the board members from the past dozen years... 25 people have served on our Board. Past and present Board members play a huge role in the behind the

scenes running of OFD Inc. . Scott Herrman, Dan Shanahan, Carmel Nicoletti, Elisabeth Holmes, Chuck Westfall, Amy Bartell, Michael Sickler, Iver Johnson, Brandon Kruse, Matthew Cincotta, Karen Greenfield, Bob Horning, Susan Nathan, Jim Emmons, Anita Welych, Kevin Brunet, Peter Laudin, Gina Stankowitz, Pamela J. McCarthy, Jed Gordon, Mardea Warner, Lucie Wellner, Charlie Sam, Suzette Roberts, and Barb Higgins.

In particular, our current president, Scott Herrmann, who worked tirelessly in getting the film together and organizing the Palace event! The film is a culmination of the Defrancisco Heritage grant which was awarded several years ago. Samantha Kraft wove footage into a coherent story of our past and without her help we would not have been able to produce our documentary.

As the film indicated there have been several key players or 'principles' over the past 25 years. Herb Williams lived to see only the starting years of the organization. Loraine Wang and Chuck Westfall were also instrumental in nurturing the early group. Chuck still attends; cohost the end of each month, DJ's and is the group's archivist. Johnny Robinson shaped the underpinnings of OFD (including its name) for nine years. Iver Johnson led the group for several years and was instrumental in refining the philosophy and incorporating the group as a nonprofit community drawing organization. Two Board Presidents Jim Emmons and Scott Herrmann have guided the Board and expanded the group's activities.

*Johnny's return from Indiana was a personal highlight of Palace celebration. I was struck by all the friends, peers, and contributors to the organization - 20+ years of my life on the big screen. If everyone had a fraction of my enjoyment this was a rousing success! It certainly was an event 25 years in the making! An evening to remember – a documentary by Samantha Kraft featuring drawing by Dave Hicoch, interviews and events that make OFD so special to the thousands of participants. Good food and cash bar as well as Raffles- Artwork, Art Supplies, Session tickets. *This project made possible in part from a Defrancisco Heritage Grant. Iver*



Our Next Special Events:
 Sunday July 6, Costume Drawing at WCC,1-4pm
 Sunday July 20, Portrait Drawing at WCC,1-4pm

Next Board Meeting
 Tuesday Sept 9th
 7 – 9 pm, at Jowonio
 3049 E. Genesee St. Syr.
 Public is welcomed to attend.

[25th Anniversary Show - Artwork Delivery Deadline](http://openfiguredrawing.com/pages/groupShow25thAnniv.php) Sunday July 20 -1-4 @WCC. Show will be juried (Gary Trento / Caroline Szozda) with limited space at the Edgewood Gallery. Bring in your framed work now! (Any Wed up to Sunday the 20th) <http://openfiguredrawing.com/pages/groupShow25thAnniv.php>

We will also offer the last **portrait sessions** on 3rd Sunday in July 20, 1-4pm long seated poses for opportunity to draw faces! A variety of board members and hosts will be subjects. We started with Scott, then Chuck, Dan, Elizabeth and Iver, wait to you see who is next!

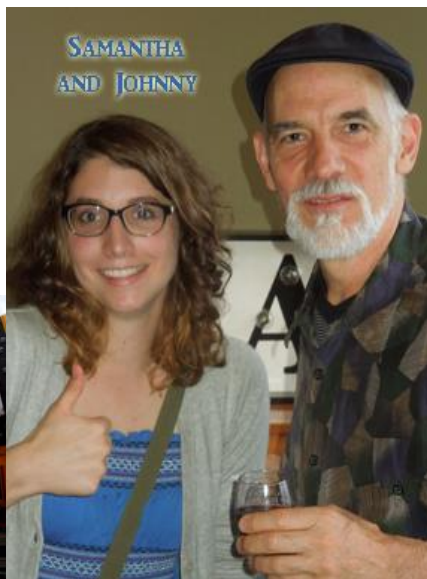
Next First Sunday COSTUMED SESSION July 6, 1-4pm!

ONLY 6 SESSIONS LEFT.... New challenges for figure work...Reaction has been very positive and we need to spread the word! For the past year we've been presenting a new take on figure drawing costumed sessions!, Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, 2014. ! If you haven't yet joined the great adventures in our studio at the Westcott Community Center space.don't miss another - New Models, different ages, ethnicities, and surprise costumes - More ethnic and historical costumes will be featured thanks to the CNYArts grant – The format... 3 -10 minute poses, a costume change, a 30 minute pose, break with another costume change, then a long pose (~90 minutes) with model breaks as needed. Costumes are a fascinating challenge – you have to see what we are cooking up! Thanks to Lucie Wellner for additional costumes and props.

NOTICE – Price changes for OFD sessions start this July.

Single ticket price \$10, two for \$14 and punch card will remain in effect until later this year. Historically, \$5 covered the model back in 1989. Ticket prices increased after Johnny Robinson left in 1998 when the annual budget was about \$5,000 per year. In 2014 annual expenses are approximately \$16,000 and the \$8 ticket is not stretching as far as it did. Other groups are already \$10, 15, and \$25 a session. We strive to keep our fee for service low, as dictated by our mission statement.

All this year we are celebrating 25 years of Open Figure Drawing! Calendar of Special Events is on line and still growing... be one of the 500 + people who visit each month.



LIGHTING UPDATE on the Central New York Community grant to install a new lighting system at the Westcott Community Center. We are using one dimmable broad flood and other a bright spot with barn doors and getting help from Syracuse Scenery & Stage Lighting Co.