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Dear Classmates and Friends--

The Class of 1968 and our Arts Legacy Committee have lost one of our most steadfast and loyal members, with the death on January 28 of Ron Weiss. Among so many other of his active contributions, Ron cared deeply for the arts, at Dartmouth and in his hometown region of Springfield, MA and beyond. He played the violin for decades in the Pioneer Valley Symphony and was a trustee of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

Both before and since the creation of the Arts Legacy Committee in 2022, your Class Committee and other class members have made donations to and funded multiple projects at the College, including the bust of Frederick Douglass at Rauner, paintings, sculpture and Native American pottery donated to the Hood Museum, support for an undergraduate student project in filmmaking and support for the Dartmouth Symphony Orchestra among others.

Check out the Class website ([Class Projects – Index Page - Dartmouth Class of 1968 WP](#)) for more details on the Arts Legacy program. Our donations are guided by our mission statement:

*The Arts Legacy Project of the Class of 1968 is meant to fund and advance the teaching mission of Dartmouth College in regards to the arts, with particular reference to the College Libraries, the Hood Museum of Art and the Hopkins Center for the Arts.*

The Committee is actively reviewing potential future projects to support, and our endowed fund would always welcome more donations to help with those projects. As our Committee recently gathered to remember Ron, we thought it would be a good idea to ask classmates and friends to make a donation in Ron's memory to the Arts Legacy Fund. This could be done directly with a check made out to the Dartmouth Class of 1968 and mailed to Class Treasurer Jim Lawrie at 1458 Popinjay Drive, Reno, NV, 89509-3984 or making a donation to the Arts Legacy Fund, either when you pay your Class dues or as a separate donation, through our website <https://d68wp.dartmouth68.org/>.

Several Committee members have established a fund that will match any donation you make. Since the Class of 1968 is a non-profit organization, you can use your IRA distribution to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). See Ed Heald's explanation at [Dartmouth College Fund | Dartmouth 68](#) for more information.

To be matched, we ask that we receive your donation by June 30. Thank you for considering supporting our Arts Legacy Program.

On behalf of the Arts Legacy Committee--

David B Peck      *David*

Past Class President and Arts Legacy Committee Chairman