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**Fourth Friday: A Figure Study to be an evocative start to
Lexington Art League's signature series:
*The launch of LAL Artist: Body will feature an interactive, experiential
retrospective of the figure study from classical to contemporary
techniques.***

Lexington, KY - In homage to the wildly popular nude exhibition that had come to define Lexington Art League's winter cycle, LAL is excited to explore this foundational and timeless subject through a contemporary lens during Artist: Body, presented by [QX.net](#).

"Figure drawing is the most essential and foundational practice in art training, it also may be one of the most difficult. Figure drawing can be traced back to the earliest drawings on cave walls and, in its deepest sense, helps us find our place in the cosmos and define us as a species," states LAL Board member and Artistic Development Committee member Haviland Argo.

This world-class exhibition will launch with a uniquely LAL Fourth Friday event entitled **Fourth Friday: A Figure Study** on January 22nd from 6-9pm at the Loudoun House. Fourth Friday: A Figure Study has been designed to include an experiential journey of the timeless study of the figure through the spacious, historic galleries of the Loudoun House. Interactive figure drawing, live painting demonstration, and contemporary takes on the self portrait are exciting highlights of this unparalleled Fourth Friday event.

While the larger collection of works showcased in Artist: Body presented by [QX.net](#) explore the contemporary 'figure' through a compelling survey of each artists' images of themselves, Fourth Friday: A Figure Study will offer audiences the opportunity to analyze their own image while observing others doing the same. With the drawing and

painting areas staged by Stuart Hurt of House, the event will feature participatory drawing classes with live models led by Martin Beck and an evening-long painting demonstration by Sheldon Tapley, Professor of Art at Centre College. Of course, no contemporary examination of self-portraiture would be complete without a selfie room. While contemporary self-portraiture has come to be defined by the camera phone self-portrait, Fourth Friday goers will also be treated to a mirrored room with cardstock and sketch pencils to investigate themselves as the subject and object of their work in a more classical form.

"Through the presentation of ***A Figure Study***, we are excited to return to the examination of the human form which links beautifully with that foundational tradition that LAL has long been know for. With the study of the figure being so prominent during this interactive event, we are honoring this long standing tradition and celebrating the beauty of that practice," stated Stephanie Harris, Executive Director, Lexington Art League.

Fourth Friday: A Figure Study will feature the unique sounds of The Swells, known for their ability to transport listeners to another time and place, while Artist: Body Official Catering Sponsor Belle Notte will provide light bites for the evening. Fourth Friday: A Figure Study is free to all LAL members and \$5 for the general public. For additional information visit www.lexintonartleague.org. The Artist: Body is presented by QX.net.

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About Lexington Art League

Lexington Art League is a visual arts organization who envisions a world where art, artists and art-making are central to human inspiration, self-realization and meaning. Their mission is to challenge, educate, and engage their community through visual art and the advancement of local artists. They present visual art exhibitions at the Loudoun House gallery in Castlewood Park. They are deeply invested in supporting their North Lexington neighbors by providing free and inclusive programming opportunities designed to remove barriers of access to visual art for all members of the community.

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