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Ulysses Dietz, curator of decorative arts at the Newark Museum, selected the pieces from a nationwide call for entries from artists who have lived or worked in Ohio. A number of teachers were invited to participate with former students.

The Riffe Gallery, operated by the Ohio Arts Council, is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11-4 pm, Thursday and Friday 11-7:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday noon-4pm. Admission is free.

The exhibition and accompanying catalog launch new scholarship on contemporary Ohio crafts. In his catalog essay Dietz addresses issues facing metals artists, curators and collectors, and takes an in-depth look at the works in the exhibition and their place in American craft. How and why Ohio became a significant force in metals is discussed by contemporary craft critics Sara Bodine and Michael Dunas. The catalog will be available for purchase at the gallery. All proceeds benefit Ohio Designer Craftsmen.

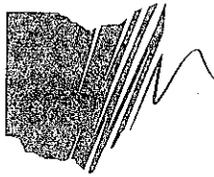
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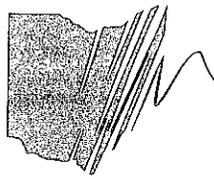
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**THE RIFFE GALLERY
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Ohio Metals: A Legacy
November 6, 1993 - January 8, 1994

Organized by Ohio Designer Craftsmen, this show will be the first major survey of post-war and current works in metal by Ohio's craft artists. The exhibition will highlight a full range of works from jewelry to holloware. The exhibition will consist of 87 works by 63 new and established, current and former Ohio artists. A catalog will accompany the exhibition, launching new scholarship on contemporary Ohio crafts.

Gary Bower: Abstract Paintings, 1969 - 1992
February 5, 1994 - April 9, 1994

This exhibition will examine Dayton native Gary Bower's commitment to abstract painting. It includes 17 paintings utilizing a grid structure, produced from 1969 to 1992. Bower's earliest paintings are reminiscent of Systemic art of the 1960s. In the 1970s, his paintings became more painterly and expressive, while the more contemporary works of the 1980s and 1990s are distinguished by metaphoric overtones. This exhibition was organized by the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art.

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