

Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents *Creating Identity from Place* COLUMBUS, Ohio – May 10, 2018

The Ohio Arts Council's (OAC) Riffe Gallery presents [Creating Identity from Place](#), an exhibition of works created by members of the [Ohio Plein Air Society](#), July 26 – October 13, 2018.

Creating Identity from Place showcases 73 paintings and drawings created from direct observation in nature by 19 members of the Ohio Plein Air Society. Curated by Artistic Director Charlotte Gordon of the Southern Ohio Museum, this exhibition of Midwestern landscapes is a natural reflection on the everyday beauty of Ohio.

The exhibition features artists [Jon Browning](#) (Grandview), [Ed Charney](#) (New Carlisle), [Thomas Cole](#) (Dublin), [Nora Daniel](#) (Zanesville), [Debra Joyce Dawson](#) (Pataskala), [Edie Dean](#) (Columbus), [Jim Glover](#) (Worthington), [Larry Golba](#) (Toledo), [Ray Hassard](#) (Cincinnati), [Cody Heichel](#) (Columbus), Ann Ferguson Kah (Macedonia), [Karen LaValley](#) (Westerville), [Chris Leeper](#) (Canfield), [Michael McEwan](#) (Columbus), [Robin Roberts](#) (Ashland), [Doreen St. John](#) (Hartsville), [Bridgette Turner](#) (Columbus), Michelle Walker (Wapakoneta), [Mary Jane Ward](#) (Columbus).

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING | Free and open to the public.

[Opening Reception](#) |

Thurs., July 26, 5 - 7 p.m.

Join us in celebrating the natural beauty of Ohio on display in this gorgeous exhibition, meet the artists and curator, and enjoy classical guitar by Mark Gonzalez and Chris Swanson of The Knot Duo.

[Curator's Tour](#) |

Fri., July 27, 12 - 1 p.m.

Join us during the lunch hour to hear Artistic Director Charlotte Gordon of the Southern Ohio Museum speak about this exhibition.

Pastel Drawing Workshops |

[Doreen St. John](#) | **Wed., Aug. 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

[Ray Hassard](#) | **Thurs., Sept. 13, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Draw an outdoor scene of downtown Columbus using pastel pigments in one of two sessions led by artists from the exhibition. No reservation is necessary; however, space is limited.

[Friends & Family Workshop](#) |

Sat., Sept. 8, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Paint a simple outdoor scene of downtown Columbus using watercolor pigment with plein air artist Debra Joyce Dawson. Space is limited, register at [RiffeGallery.org](#).

[Creative Writing Workshop with Diane Kendig](#) |

Thurs., Oct. 11, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Hone the craft of creative writing while focusing on nature and identity with poet and author [Diane Kendig](#). Space is limited, register at [RiffeGallery.org](#).

Drop-In Artist Demonstrations | **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

[Karen LaValley](#) | Wed., Aug. 8

[Cody Heichel](#) | Wed., Aug. 15

[Mary Jane Ward](#) | Thurs., Aug. 30

[Robin Roberts](#) | Thurs., Sept. 6

[Michael McEwan](#) | Thurs., Sept. 27

[Michelle Walker](#) | Thurs., Oct. 4



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ABOUT THE OAC RIFFE GALLERY

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio's artists and the collections of the state's museums and galleries. The OAC Riffe Gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215.

Hours: Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and state holidays.

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ABOUT THE OHIO ARTS COUNCIL

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