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**Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents**  
*After Hours: Artwork by State of Ohio Employees*

**Columbus, Ohio**—The OAC Riffe Gallery presents *After Hours: Artwork by State of Ohio Employees*, May 4 – July 8, 2017. Inspired by the gallery's 1989 exhibition showcasing the work of Vern Riffe Center employees, the 2017 exhibition will feature artwork by 43 state employees across Ohio. Photography, sculpture, textiles, and painting highlight the diversity of state of Ohio employees' artistic voices.

Click [here](#) for a full list of artists and state of Ohio job titles. Jurors included Mary Cusick, director of TourismOhio; Kevin Milstead, assistant deputy director, Ohio Department of Administrative Services Human Resources Division; and Stephanie Rond, visual artist and *After Hours* exhibition consultant.

**EVENTS & PROGRAMMING** | Free and open to the public

**Opening Reception** | Thursday, May 4, 2017, 5 – 7 p.m.  
Join us for the public reception, meet the artists and jurors, and be the first to view this exhibition. Live music by Derek DiCenzo Duo.

**Family and Friends Playshop with Cyrus Fire** | Saturday, May 13, 2 – 4 p.m.  
Scribble Jam, an exploration of the imagination through the subconscious art of scribbling. Register at [RiffeGallery.org](http://RiffeGallery.org) from April 27 – May 11.

**Exhibition Tour** | Friday, May 5, 2017, noon – 1 p.m.  
Hear from *After Hours* Exhibition Consultant Stephanie Rond and several featured artists about their work.

**Writing Workshop with Chris Shaw Swanson** | Thursday, June 1, 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
Tackling the Ten-Minute Play, tips on creating your short story and getting it on stage. Register at [RiffeGallery.org](http://RiffeGallery.org) from April 27 – May 30.

**DAYTIME DROP-IN WORKSHOPS** | Everyone is welcome

**Embroidery with Amanda Knapp** | Friday, May 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Compose a work of art using thread as your medium.

**Polymer Clay Sculptures with Dana Lynn Harper** | Thursday, May 25, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Create a colorful succulent garden or an underwater coral seascape.

**Beading with Jennifer Whitten** | Thursday, June 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn bead embroidery techniques to create a tiny wearable work of art.

*After Hours* is produced by the OAC Riffe Gallery. Media support is provided by CD102.5, *CityScene*, Ohio Channel, WOSU, *Ohio Magazine*, and WCBE 90.5 FM.

**UPCOMING LOBBY EXHIBITIONS**

**The Collage of Women Artists** | March 28 – April 23, 2017

Artwork by female amateur and professional artists who grow, show, and paint together.

**Accessible Expressions Ohio 2017** | June 1 - 29, 2017

VSA Ohio's statewide juried exhibition consisting of artwork created by people with disabilities.

**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, across from the Statehouse on High Street in Downtown Columbus. Like the OAC Riffe Gallery on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#).

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