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The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents
Ohio Art League Curated Exhibition

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present the *Ohio Art League Curated Exhibition* from January 31 – April 14, 2013.

The *Ohio Art League Curated Exhibition* contains works from 18 member artists of the Ohio Art League chosen by curator Dennis Harrington, director of the Weston Art Gallery in Cincinnati. The work in the *Ohio Art League Curated Exhibition* features seasoned and emerging artists, and explores a dialogue of visual connections created by assembling a group of eclectic and inspired works in one place.

"I believe in artists," said curator Harrington. "Through their curiosity and artistic capabilities, they provide insights into the complexities of our daily experiences and communicate ideas in unique ways."

Since 1909, the Ohio Art League has supported Ohio's great contemporary artists. With mediums ranging from painting, drawing and printmaking to photography and sculpture, the works that make up the *Ohio Art League Curated Exhibition* – both representational and abstract – reflect a sampling of Ohio's current artistic wealth.

Artists in the show include **Ellen O'Connell Bazzoli, Denise Buckley, Agnes Burris, Gretchen Stevens Cochran, Alex Conrad, Nicole Crock, Steven Elbert, Paul Emory, Morris Jackson, Jonah Jacobs, Tamara Jaeger, Jonathan Johnson, Virginia Kistler, Fredrik Marsh, Kathy McGhee, Ardine Nelson, Marc Ross and Paul D. Wilbur.**

Join the Riffe Gallery for the free opening reception of the *Ohio Art League Curated Exhibition* on **Thursday, January 31, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Donated food and drink will be available and complementary music will be provided by World Percussion Ensemble.

On **Friday, February 1**, curator and director of the Weston Art Gallery, Dennis Harrington will lead a free tour of the exhibition **from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

On **Sunday, March 3** Ohio Art League member Susan Hessler will lead a free family day workshop in the gallery from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** With inspiration from the exhibition, create a series of miniature art projects including assemblage; painting and drawing; and sculpture. All supplies are provided including a take-home package from your traveling art exhibition. Children ages 6 to 17 are welcome to participate with an

adult companion. Please register online from February 1 to February 27 at www.riffegallery.org.

On **Thursday, April 11** from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** attend a writing workshop with poet Nancy Kangas. Experiment with different forms and explore what breathes life into a poem. Discover ways to get started writing and keep it going, all while basking in the fun of writing poetry. Please register online as space is limited between February 11 and April 4 at www.riffegallery.org.

Ohio Art League Curated Exhibition is presented by the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery with media support from CD102.5, *CityScene*, Ohio Channel, *Ohio Magazine*, Time Warner Cable and WCBE 90.5 FM.

On Display in the Riffe Center Lobby:

Works by members of Creative Arts of Women (CAW), March 1 – 31.

About the Riffe Gallery:

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio artists and curators, and collections from the region's museums and galleries. The gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts at 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

About the Ohio Arts Council:

The Ohio Arts Council is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically.

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