

Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents *Women to Watch Ohio - 2018*

COLUMBUS, Ohio – March 20, 2018

The Ohio Arts Council's (OAC) Riffe Gallery presents *Women to Watch Ohio – 2018*, May 3 – July 7, 2018.

Women to Watch Ohio – 2018 showcases the work of 10 Ohio women working with metal through sculpture, installation, jewelry, and two-dimensional works. The exhibition is developed in collaboration with the Ohio Advisory Group of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and is curated by Ann Bremner and Matt Distel.

The exhibition features artists Mary Jo Bole (Columbus), Carol Boram-Hays (Columbus), Carmel Buckley (Cincinnati), Susan Ewing (Oxford), Tracy Featherstone (Hamilton), Llewellynn Fletcher (Cincinnati), Leila Khoury (Cleveland), Kelly Malec-Kosak (Columbus), Marissa Saneholtz (Bowling Green), and Olga Ziemka (Cleveland).

The exhibition references an international Women to Watch exhibition held every two to three years in Washington D.C. at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, with the support of outreach affiliates and museum curators around the world. This is the second Women to Watch Ohio exhibition initiated by the Ohio Advisory Group and the first to encompass mid-Ohio as well as the northeast and southwest regions of the state.

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING | Free and open to the public.

Opening Reception | Thurs., May 3, 5 – 7 p.m.

Be the first to see the exhibition, meet the artists, curators, and other art enthusiasts. Live music by Cherry Chrome.

Curators' Tour | Fri., May 4, noon – 1 p.m.

Ann Bremner and Matt Distel will lead an in-depth tour about the exhibition.

Wire Drawing in Space with Carmel Buckley | Fri., May 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bend and join wire to create portrait sculptures. Register at RiffeGallery.org, April 23 – May 10.

Byzantine Bracelet Making with Kelly

Malec-Kosak | Wed., May 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Learn to create a woven bracelet using metal jump rings. Register at RiffeGallery.org, May 4 – May 22.

Family and Friends Playshop with Olga Ziemka | Sat., June 23, 1 – 3 p.m.

Use natural materials to build a bas-relief sculpture utilizing positive and negative space. Register at RiffeGallery.org, May 23 – June 22.

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Media Release

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Artist Talks | noon – 1 p.m.

Llewellynn Fletcher | Tue., May 22

Susan Ewing | Wed., May 30

Mary Jo Bole | Wed., June 13

Marissa Saneholtz | Thurs., June 14

Leila Khoury | Tue., June 19

Tracy Featherstone | Wed., June 20

Carol Boram-Hays | Wed., June 27

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Accessible Expressions Ohio, VSA Ohio | June 13 – July 11, 2018

Started in 1996, *Accessible Expressions Ohio* is an adjudicated, statewide exhibition and tour of visual art for artists of all ages with disabilities. This professional development opportunity helps raise awareness about art and disability by presenting the art in inclusive settings. Artwork is for sale.

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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ABOUT THE OHIO ADVISORY GROUP OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS

The National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) in Washington D.C. is the world's only museum solely dedicated to celebrating the creative accomplishments of women. With its collections, exhibitions, programs, and online content, NMWA champions women through the arts and advocates for equity. As the exclusive affiliate of NMWA in Ohio, the Ohio Advisory Group (OAG) extends the mission by showcasing women's contributions to our state's rich cultural landscape. Visit ohioadvisorygroup-nmwa.org

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