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Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents *Come Along With Me*

18 Ohio Art League members create artworks inspired by life lessons

Columbus, OH—The OAC Riffe Gallery presents *Come Along With Me,* January 26 – April 15, 2017. Curated by Richard Fletcher, associate professor in the Department of Classics at The Ohio State University, this is the fourth curated collaboration between the Riffe Gallery and Ohio Art League (OAL). The selected artworks represent a range of media from painting, sculpture, photography, video, and site-specific assemblages.

Fletcher has dedicated his recent research and teaching practices to how ancient literature, philosophy, and mythology can be reactivated through contemporary artistic practices. Fletcher asked artists how their experiences shape their artwork, and like the handbooks by ancient philosophers, how their artwork communicates life lessons. *Come Along With Me* brings together a selection of OAL artists at different phases of their careers and lives.

FEATURED ARTISTS

Donald Black Jr. | Shaker Heights
Mary Jo S. Bole | Columbus
Peter Clay | Gilboa
April Deacon | Wheelersburg
Curtis Goldstein | Columbus
Charisse M. Harris | Akron
Angela Jann | Columbus
Dan Jian | Columbus
Suzan Kraus | Newbury
Yana Mikho-Misho | Twinsburg
Sharon Mohler | Yellow Springs
Kellie Morgan | Columbus
Jenniffer Omaitz | Kent
Boryana Rusenova-Ina | Columbus
Kim Schoel | Lakewood
Ann Corley Silverman | Columbus
Adrian Waggoner | Columbus
Kimberly M. Webb | Columbus

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING | Free and open to the public

Opening Reception | Thursday, January 26, 2017, 5 – 7 p.m.
Join us for the public reception and be the first to view this dynamic exhibition with the exhibiting artists and curator. Live music by a duo from the Knot Brothers.

Curator's Tour | Friday, January 27, 2017, noon – 1 p.m.
Richard Fletcher will lead an in-depth tour discussing exhibition themes, the selection process, and the artists' work.

Drop-in Workshops with Artist and Educator Melissa Vogley Woods | Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Previous experience is not necessary for any of these workshops, only interest and curiosity.

March 8: Poetic text and collage
March 15: Folded book making
March 22: Interactive mail art
March 29: Personal narrative tree project
April 5: Stitched book binding workshop
April 12: Narrative-based collage project

Family and Friends Poetry and Valentine Playshop with Author and Poet Amy Greensberg | Thursday, February 9, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Create a Valentine in poetry for a loved one. Art supplies will be on hand to adorn your prose. Register at riffegallery.org from January 24 – February 7.

Come Along With Me is produced by the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery in collaboration with Ohio Art League. Media support is provided by CD102.5, *CityScene*, Ohio Channel, WOSU, *Ohio Magazine*, and WCBE 90.5 FM.

LOBBY EXHIBITION
The Collage of Women Artists | March 28 – April 23, 2017
Artwork by female amateur and professional artists who grow, show, and paint together.

About the 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 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 Riffe Gallery on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

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