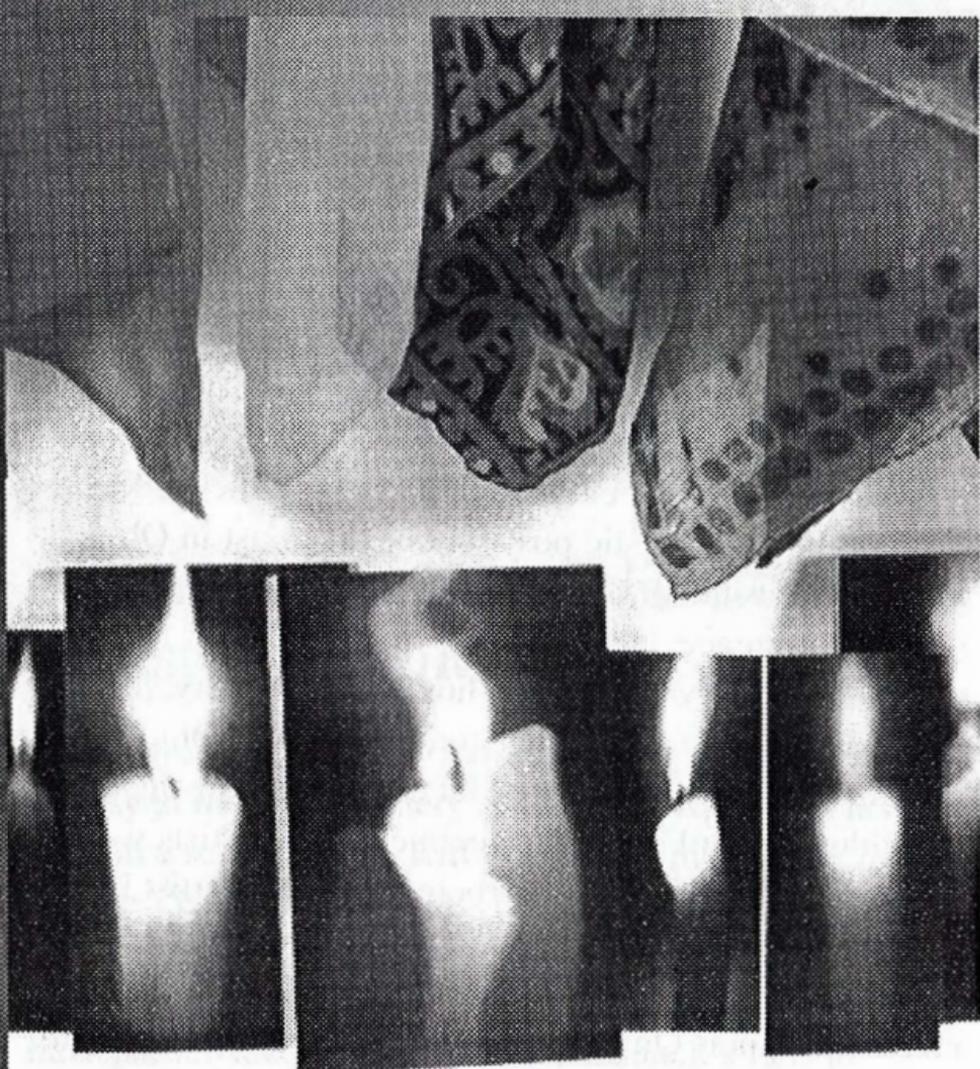


OHIO ARTS COUNCIL'S
RIFFE GALLERY



Shared Inspiration:
Work by Artists in Education

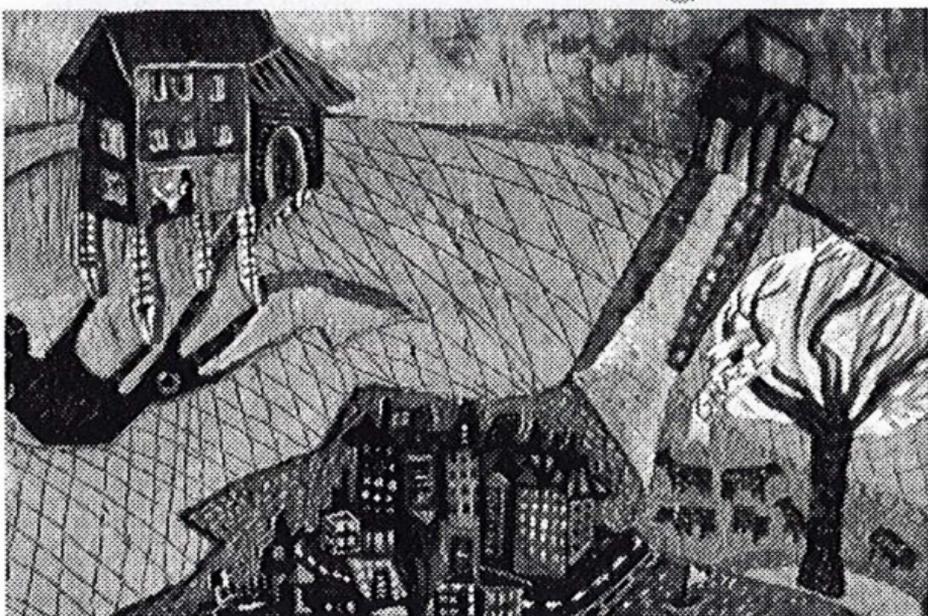
DOMINIQUE VASSEUR, CURATOR

January 24 – April 7, 2002



Share the Arts

now showing



Shared Inspiration Honors Artists in Education

Shared Inspiration: Ohio Artists in Education will be on display at the Riffe Gallery January 24–April 7. It is the third in a series of four Riffe Gallery exhibitions celebrating the YEAR OF THE ARTIST, July 2001–July 2002. Curated by Dominique Vasseur of the Springfield Museum of Art, *Shared Inspiration* features 14 Ohio artists who have participated in the Ohio Arts Council's Arts in Education Artist in Residence Program.

This exhibition reflects the many points of view presented through the AIE Artist in Residence program. Some of the artists in this exhibition work in two dimensions, others in three, and their techniques for making art are as diverse as the wide range of media used. These artists hope that their works will inspire us to live richer, more enjoyable and more meaningful lives.

Artists in the exhibition are: Deborah Brod (Cincinnati); Juliellen Byrne (Groveport); Stephen Fessler (Athens); Steven Finke (Cincinnati); Susan Gallagher (Cleveland Heights); Rob Gartzka and Kathie Johnson (Ludlow Falls); Kate Sturman Gorman (Westerville); Deborah Griffing (Columbus); Patty Mitchell (New Marshfield); Deborah Pinter (Cleveland); Angelica Pozo (Cleveland); Diane Stemper (Oxford); Joan H. Tallan (Reynoldsburg).

YEAR OF THE ARTIST Continues at the Riffe

Shared Inspiration is the third in a series of four Riffe Gallery exhibitions celebrating the YEAR OF THE ARTIST, July 2001-July 2002. The YEAR OF THE ARTIST celebrates Ohio artists and the active and vital arts communities they help create. The Ohio Arts Council and the Riffe Gallery encourage you to experience the rich cultural and artistic possibilities that exist in Ohio, and to help us honor those Ohio artists who have truly made a difference.

Riffe Gallery exhibitions honor the diversity, innovation, commitment and global contributions of Ohio's visual artists. The YEAR OF THE ARTIST exhibitions feature Individual Artist Fellowship recipients, and artists working in the Ohio Arts Council's Arts in Education Artist in Residence and International programs. Since 1979, Individual Artist Fellowships have been awarded to recognize and support Ohio's artists, from emerging to mature. The AIE Artist in Residence program enhances Ohio's communities by helping children become creative thinkers and better problem solvers and the International Program enriches the lives of people in Ohio and around the world by promoting a deeper understanding of shared values through the arts.

Through July 2002, you have a wonderful opportunity to surprise and delight your students with the wealth of artistic talent in Ohio! We offer free group tours for K-12 students, flexible to your schedule, and always age appropriate. Let us know if you would like a half-hour, 45-minute, or full-hour tour with special reading time – or if you have curriculum tie-ins you would like us to incorporate. The Riffe Gallery is a terrific solo destination, or can easily be combined with your next visit to the Ohio Statehouse. To schedule a tour, call 614/644-9624.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 9, 1-5 p.m.

For K-12 Art Teachers.

Furniture Making Workshop with
Rob Gartzka & Kathie Johnson

Learn to create unique furniture art with students of any age. \$25 supply fee.

Saturday, February 23, 1-5 p.m.

For High School Students.

Mentorship Day with Shared Inspiration
Artists & Terry Barrett

Bring samples of your art for individual feedback sessions with the *Shared Inspiration* artist of your choice. Terry Barrett, OSU professor of art education will lead a tour of the exhibition and round-table discussion with the artists.

Saturday, March 9, 1-5 p.m.

For Older Students and Adult Learners.

Painting Workshop with Stephen Fessler

Fessler's surface exploration technique opens new avenues of creative expression for artists of all skill levels. \$25 supply fee.

Space is limited for the above events. Call
614/995-4139 for reservations.

Sunday, March 17, 2-4:30 p.m.

For Children and Families – Free.

Family Day with Kate Gorman & Deborah Griffing
Join *Shared Inspiration* artists Gorman and Griffing for paper quilt and shadowbox activities. Light refreshments and story telling sessions included.

Spotlight on the Ohio Arts Council's Arts in Education Program

The OAC's Arts in Education Program is dedicated to strengthening arts education in Ohio through quality programs, partnerships and advocacy efforts. The AIE Program works closely with the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Alliance for Arts Education to ensure the quality and vitality of arts education in Ohio's public and private schools.

The Ohio Arts Council's AIE Program works to bring the highest quality professional artists into schools across the state. The Artist in Residence Program places professional artists in a variety of educational and community settings. It emphasizes in-depth involvement in the arts and focuses on the creative process of making art. Professional artists are at the core of the program. Their presence in communities fosters greater awareness of the role of the artist and the arts in our society.

Residencies give participants opportunities to develop confidence, share their ideas and create art. The Artist in Residence Program works toward the following goals: Children of all ages and abilities succeed because they are able to understand and communicate through the arts; Communities deepen their understanding and appreciation of their cultural heritage and diversity; Ohio has learning environments that excite imaginations and foster creativity; Artists, teachers, students, parents and community members work as partners in education.

For more information on the Ohio Arts Council's Arts in Education and Artist in Residence programs, please call Joanne Eubanks at 614/466-2613 or e-mail joanne.eubanks@oac.state.oh.us.

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Opened in 1989, the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio's artists and curators, exhibitions produced by the Ohio Arts Council's International Program and the collections of the region's museums and galleries. The Riffe Gallery's Education Program seeks to increase public appreciation and understanding of those exhibitions.

LOCATION, HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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The Riffe Gallery is located across from the Statehouse on High Street, first floor of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. Parking is available in the underground garage across the street at the Statehouse during the day and evening hours, and at the City Center Mall one block away. Tours may be scheduled by contacting Julie Otten, Education Specialist, 995-4139. Exhibitions run an average of eight to nine weeks. **Admission and tours are always free.**

GALLERY HOURS

Monday and Tuesday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	12 - 8 p.m.
Sunday	12 - 4 p.m.

The Riffe Gallery is operated by the Ohio Arts Council, which works in partnership with other arts organizations to present a wide range of exhibitions. With funds from the Ohio Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, the Council provides financial assistance to artists and arts organizations. The Riffe Gallery is operated with support from Ohio Building Authority. Media sponsors include Columbus Alive, Ohio Magazine and Time Warner Communications.

Where Art and People Mix!

