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The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Hosts *New Narratives: Paintings by Ohio Artists*

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present *New Narratives: Paintings by Ohio Artists* from May 7 – July 12, 2009. Curated by Dominique H. Vasseur, Columbus Museum of Art, this exhibition explores the various themes and styles of narrative painting by 12 Ohio contemporary artists ranging from traditional figurative compositions to others using signs and symbols.

“The twelve Ohio artists in this exhibition make paintings that deal with war, social, economic, and political issues, global warming, the effects of chemicals on our health, as well as matters of race and gender,” said Dominique H. Vasseur. “Their narratives range from age-old Native American life stories, traditional Ukrainian folk songs that offer explanations of human emotion and behavior to highly personal and autobiographical stories that defy easy explanation.”

Join the Riffe Gallery for the opening of *New Narratives: Paintings by Ohio Artists* on May 7 from 5 – 7 p.m. Curator Dominique H. Vasseur will lead a tour of the exhibition on May 8 from noon – 1 p.m. Artists in the show include: Ron Anderson, Columbus; Adam Brouillette, Columbus; Donna Coleman, Oberlin; Diane Fitch, Yellow Springs, Edwin George, Kent; Deborah Morrissey-Goff, Cincinnati; Aka Pereyma, Troy; Lisa Schare, Cincinnati; Michael R. Stillion, Cincinnati; Laura R. Vinnedge, Akron; Brian R. Williams, Columbus; and Ronnie Williams, Dayton.

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery also will hold a Family Day Workshop on Sunday, May 17, 2009 from 2 – 4 p.m. Artist Brian Williams will lead a family workshop creating a collaborative chalk drawing on the State Street side of the Riffe center. Registration is required as space is limited and all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration begins April 17 and ends May 11, 2009 online at www.riffegallery.org.

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday, noon - 8 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Closed Mondays, Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, 2009. Visit www.riffegallery.org or phone 614/644-9624 for more information.

Free group tours are available Wednesday through Friday throughout the run of each exhibition. To schedule a group tour contact Riffe Gallery Director Mary Gray at mary.gray@oac.state.oh.us or 614/728-2239.

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. Admission is free. For information, call the Riffe Gallery at 614/644-9624.

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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Images are available upon request.

Calendar Listing:

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