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Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor’s Residence is a program created by Ohio’s First Lady Karen W. Kasich that celebrates Ohio artists by showcasing a sampling of their artworks in the Residence foyer. The program enhances the ongoing partnership between the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden and the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). Since 1985 the OAC has assisted in placing artwork by Ohio artists and Ohio cultural institutions in the Governor’s Residence and throughout the Governor’s offices in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. The “Spotlight” program offers quarterly exhibitions at the Governor’s Residence highlighted by opening receptions. Artists are selected by Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich with assistance from the OAC. All Ohio artists are eligible to submit their work for consideration. To be eligible for the program the artist cannot be a student enrolled in a degree-granting program and must be a resident of the State of Ohio. For details contact OAC Individual Artist Program Director Ken Emery ken.emeric@oac.state.oh.us.

About the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden: The home has been the official residence of ten Ohio chief executives and is a showcase of our state’s artistry, culture, industry, and landscape. The Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden is a unique and historic home that represents Ohio to a diverse range of visitors. The Ohio Governor’s Residence offers a living exhibition of Ohio history, industry, and craftsmanship, while the Heritage Garden strives to educate visitors on the importance of conserving and preserving the natural beauty of our state. To schedule a free tour of the residence call 614/644-7644 or residence@governor.ohio.gov.

About the Ohio Arts Council:
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Last Dance, 2013, 48” x 48” oil on canvas

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*Day’s End*, 2014, 30” x 40” oil on canvas

*Flap, Flap*, 2010
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*Scribe*, 2012
10” x 12” oil on canvas

*Summer Squall*, 2012
24” x 24” oil on canvas

*Glory*, 2004
30” x 40” oil on canvas