

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents *The Modern Table: Ohio Furniture Designers*

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The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present *The Modern Table: Ohio Furniture Designers* from November 7, 2013 - January 12, 2014.

Curated by Tim Friar, director of business development at Design Central and owner of Grid Furnishings, *The Modern Table: Ohio Furniture Designers* showcases the works of 26 artists, including industrial designers, fine artists, furniture makers, engineers, an architect and others. The artists in the exhibition demonstrate how the process of modern furniture design surpasses a functional purpose and results in the construction of art pieces.



"Designers, in whatever time they live, design for their view of function and aesthetic appeal as they see it at that time. Modern furniture, however, has been viewed by many in retrospect as not only highly functional but as art," said Curator Friar. "The common theme in this exhibit is a passion for modern furniture design."

Artists in the show include: **Alex Aeschbury**, Cincinnati; **Jeffrey Alexander**, Worthington; **John Arthur**, Cleveland; **Albert Barkman**, Millersburg; **Virginia Birchfield**, Mount Vernon; **Wendy Birchfield**, Cleveland; **Sam Cahill**, Cleveland; **Chris Comella**, Cleveland; **Zach Darmanian-Harris**, Cincinnati; **Jacob Dehus**, Worthington; **John Dixon**, Cincinnati; **Jack Garriott**, Columbus; **Freddy Hill**, Lakewood; **Michel Ina**, Lyndhurst; **Tim Karoleff**, Cincinnati; **Mark Moskovitz**, Cleveland Heights; **Brad Musuraca**, Cincinnati; **Jason Radcliffe**, Rocky River; **Joseph Ribic**, Willoughby; **Kevin Shahan**, Kent; **Hayes Shanesy**, Cincinnati; **Shawn Sowers**, Perrysburg; **John Strauss**, Canton; **Tarik Yousef**, Raymond; and **Stephen Yusko**, Lakewood.

Join the Riffe Gallery for the free opening reception of *The Modern Table: Ohio Furniture Designers* on **Thursday, November 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Donated food will be available, and wine will be available for purchase.

On **Friday, November 8**, Curator Tim Friar will lead a free tour of the exhibition from **noon to 1 p.m.**

On **Sunday, November 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, participate in a Free Family Workshop with Design Central. With inspiration from the exhibition, create a scale table or desk of your own design. Miniature design projects will include assemblage and drawing. All supplies provided. Children ages 6 to 17 are welcome to participate with an adult companion. Registration is required as space is limited; all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Register online between October 30 and November 14, 2013.

Thursday, November 21, 2013, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. join Guest Poet Rikki Santer for an hour of readings followed by Open Mic. For more information on Ms. Santer, visit <http://rikkisanter.com>. [Register for the event online](#) between November 1-20, 2013.

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Image (top right) of "Lazy D Coffee Table" by Kevin Shahan of Swanky Design Studio; 17x18x40; Reclaimed Steel; 2012.

About the Riffe Gallery:

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio artists and curators, and collections from the region's museums and galleries. The gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts at 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

About the Ohio Arts Council:

The Ohio Arts Council is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically.