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The Urban Landscape: A Tale of Grandeur and Abandonment

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present *The Urban Landscape: A Tale of Grandeur and Abandonment* from **November 6, 2014 through January 11, 2015**.

The Urban Landscape, curated by Christine Fowler Shearer, explores a variety of artistic perspectives by 16 Ohio artists through original works. The 63 pieces reflect the fundamental nature of city life, focusing primarily on Ohio.



Artists in the show include: Kelley Booze (Springfield), Christopher Burk (Columbus), Cole Carothers (Milford), Laurence Channing (Cleveland Heights), Bonnie Dolin (Aurora), Frederick Fochtman (Columbus), Ruth Gless (Columbus), Don Harvey (Cleveland Heights), Ron Kroutel (Athens), Michelle Muldrow (Cleveland), Michael Nevin (Akron), Ryan Orewiler (Columbus), Gary Pettigrew (Athens), Will Reader (Portsmouth), Thomas Roese (Cleveland), and John Troxell (Cleveland).

Related Events:

- Join the Riffe Gallery for the opening of *The Urban Landscape* on **Thursday, November 6, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- On **Friday, November 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**, enjoy a free guided tour of the exhibition led by exhibition curator Christine Fowler Shearer.
- Join us in the Riffe Gallery for a reading by northeast Ohio poet, author, and performer Ray McNiece, followed by an Open Mic session on **Thursday, November 20, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**. Please register for the Open Mic at riffegallery.org November 6 – November 18.
- Enjoy a positive experience exploring negative space in a free family workshop with Athens-based artist Ron Kroutel on **Sunday, December 7, 2014, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**. Ron will lead children ages 6 to 17 and their adult companions in the art of subtractive drawing using photos, memory, and objects around us. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Space is limited; register at riffegallery.org November 6 – December 4.

The Urban Landscape is presented by the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery with media support from CD102.5, CityScene, Ohio Channel, WOSU, Ohio Magazine, and WCBE 90.5 FM.

Image credit: Gary Pettigrew, *Bye Bye Blackburn*, 2010, Oil on canvas, 20 x 26 inches

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 the Government and the Arts, across from the Statehouse on High Street in Downtown Columbus.