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**Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery to Present *Go Figure***

13 Ohio Artists Showcase Explorations of the Human Form

**Columbus, Ohio**— Curated by Ohio University Dean Emeritus Charles McWeeny, *Go Figure*, the first exhibition of 2016 in the Ohio Arts Council's (OAC) Riffe Gallery, will be on view from January 28–March 23, 2016.

*Go Figure* showcases 13 Ohio artists' explorations of the human form as a narrative vessel. From surreal to hyper-real, this exhibition tells profound stories about what it means to be human.

**FEATURED ARTISTS**

Juliellen Byrne | *Columbus*

Isabel Farnsworth | *Kent*

Clotilde Jiménez | *Cleveland Heights*

James Oberschlake | *Ripley*

Frank Oriti | *Cleveland*

Emil Robinson | *Cincinnati*

Laura Sanders | *Columbus*

John Sousa | *Springboro*

Gregory Spaid | *Gambier*

Ed Valentine | *Delaware*

Art Werger | *Athens*

Pheoris West | *Columbus*

Jaymi Zents | *Chesterland*

**EVENTS & WORKSHOPS**

**Opening Reception** | Thursday, January 28, 5–7 p.m.

Mingle with the artists, exhibition curator, and other art enthusiasts at the public opening reception.

**Curator's Tour** | Friday, January 29, 12–1 p.m.

Ohio University Dean Emeritus and ceramic artist Charles McWeeny will give an in depth tour discussing topics from artists' inspirations to his personal thoughts on the figure.

**Open Figure Drawing** | Wednesdays, February 3–March 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Columbus-based artist Mary Jane Ward will lead fun, free, informal explorations of the human figure through drawing. Open to all levels of experience, check out a class during your lunch break, engage in all eight sessions, or simply observe the artistic process in action. Supplies, including easels and pencils, as well as a live model will be provided free of charge.

*Registration is not required; space is limited to 10 participants on a first come, first served basis.*

**Handwritten Love Writing Workshop** | Thursday, February 11, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Create a Valentine in poetry for a special "figure" in your life with OAC Artist in Residence Amy Greenberg. Art supplies will be on hand to adorn your prose.

*Register in advance at [riffegallery.org](http://riffegallery.org).*

**Stop-Motion Goes Mobile Family Workshop | Saturday, February 20, 2–4 p.m.**

Construct a miniature theatre set to serve as the background for stop-motion short animated videos. OAC Artist in Residence Kate Stenger will lead participants through using the free app Vine. Bring your imagination, storytelling skills, and smart phone or tablet. This workshop is geared toward children ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by registered adult. *Register in advance at [riffegallery.org](http://riffegallery.org).*

Riffe Gallery admission, events, and programming are free and open to the public.

*Go Figure* is produced by the OAC's Riffe Gallery. Media support is provided by CD102.5, *CityScene*, Ohio Channel, WOSU, *Ohio Magazine*, and WCBE 90.5 FM.

**About the Riffe Gallery:** [The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery](http://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 Government and the Arts, across from the Statehouse on High Street in Downtown Columbus. The gallery is free and open to the public.

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