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Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery to Present *Artists of the Winding Road A-Z*

Seven Appalachian Ohio Artists to Engage in Lectures, Demonstrations

Columbus, Ohio—Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present *Artists of the Winding Road A-Z*, April 7-April 23, an exhibition spotlighting the community of creatives guiding Appalachian Ohio to civic recovery and renovation through the arts.

Painters, ceramists, and sculptors from Athens to Zanesville create a wide range of contemporary art and fine craft. Seven of those artists come together in *Artists of the Winding Road A-Z*, curated by Susan K. Gottlieb of Zanesville, Ohio. This exhibition includes free opportunities for the public to interact and learn about the artists, their processes, and the region's influence on their work.

FEATURED ARTISTS

Alan Cottrill | Zanesville
Kelsey Duncan | Athens
Paul Emory | Zanesville
Brad Schwieger | Athens

Michael R. Seiler | Zanesville
Yan Sun | Zanesville
John Taylor-Lehman | Zanesville

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

Artists of the Winding Road A-Z 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.

LOBBY EXHIBITION

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio | 2016 Excellence Award Winners
The Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts is an online undergraduate student arts competition presented by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio. The OAC's Riffe Gallery will display the 2016 finalists in the first floor lobby of the Riffe Center, April 1 – May 5. More information at aicuoartaward.com.

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

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Artists of the Winding Road A-Z Events
April 7 – April 23, 2016

OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, April 7, 5–7 p.m.

Mingle with the artists and other arts enthusiasts during this free reception.

CURATOR'S TOUR

by Susan K. Gottlieb

Friday, April 8, noon–1 p.m.

Stop in for a guided tour of the exhibition to discover stories behind the artwork.

GALLERY TALKS

Want to mix up your lunch routine? Brown-bag your lunch and join us for Gallery Talks with four of our featured artists.

Paul Emory, Painter | Monday, April 11, noon–1 p.m.

Paul Emory will lead a conversation about his recent assembled pieces, their construction, and their relationships to his timeless paintings.

Alan Cottrill, Bronze Sculptor | Tuesday, April 12, noon–1 p.m.

National award-winner Alan Cottrill, for whom sculpture is a second career, will speak about his approach to his subjects and his artistic philosophy. His masterpiece of Thomas Alva Edison, which has been on display in the Ohio Statehouse rotunda since last summer, is slated for permanent installation in the U.S. Capitol Building during April.

John Taylor-Lehman, Found Object Sculptor | Friday, April 15, noon–1 p.m.

Emphasizing the environmental aspects of his art, John Taylor-Lehman will discuss his transition from talented amateur to exhibiting professional artist whose works in the folk art tradition are now sought after and collected.

Michael Seiler, Painter | Thursday, April 21, noon–1 p.m.

A vastly experienced teacher and lecturer, Michael Seiler will give a presentation focusing on the evolution of his asphalt and alkyd paintings, engaging the audience through questions and answers and offering suggestions for individual artistic expression.

ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

Yan Sun, Painter

Live Portrait Painting | Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Ohio State Senator Troy Balderson will sit for his portrait executed by internationally renowned Muskingum University Professor Yan Sun.

Live Portrait Painting | Friday, April 22, noon–1 p.m.

Ohio Speaker of the House Cliff Rosenberger will sit for his portrait executed by internationally renowned Muskingum University Professor Yan Sun.

Kelsey Duncan, Ceramist

Live Pottery Demonstration | Tuesday, April 19, noon–1 p.m.

Athens artist Kelsey Duncan will demonstrate basic techniques for ceramic production. He will also discuss his own artistic vision and inspirations behind his evocative works.