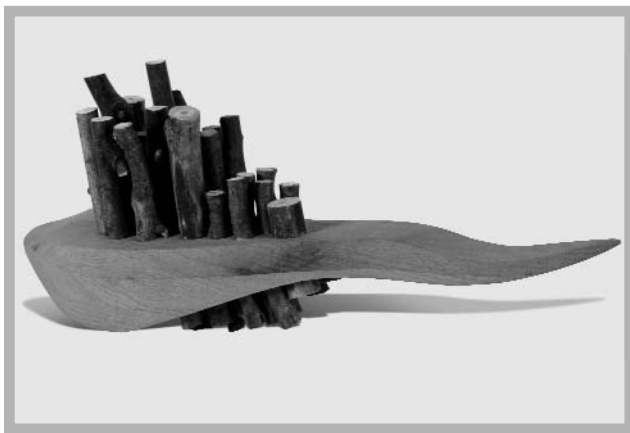


LAND OF LATITUDES: CONTEMPORARY ART FROM CHILE AT THE RIFFE GALLERY



Paola Vezzani, *Untitled*, mixed media, 6" x 19" x 4.5"

Land of Latitudes: Contemporary Art From Chile opens Thursday, May 12 at the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery. The exhibition, curated by Sara Johnson, director of visual arts at the Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, and Betty Talbott, director of the Ohio Craft Museum, will feature the work of nearly 60 artists living in the South American nation.

Land of Latitudes confirms Chile's international reputation in printmaking and ceramic work and brings attention to major Chilean painters, sculptors and fiber artists. At 3,000 kilometers long, situated between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes Mountains, Chile enjoys a distinct and dramatically contrasted geography that contributes to the exhibitions

diversity of work. Other influences include Chile's literary figures, its indigenous cultures and its political history.

In addition to the exhibition, the Ohio Arts Council will host Chilean Pedro Sanchez, renowned for his readings of Pablo Neruda's poetry. Neruda is the most widely read of the Latin American poets. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971 and served at various diplomatic posts throughout Europe and East Asia. His works reflected the political struggle of the left and the socio-historical developments in South America.

Since 1989, the Ohio Arts Council has taken an active role in creating an international network of peers for Ohio's artists and arts (Can't page 3)

OAC CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY/ NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH

October celebrates National Arts and Humanities Month and the Ohio Arts Council's 40th Anniversary. Join hundreds of arts organizations across the state in recognizing the importance of the arts in our communities. The Ohio Arts Council will mark this month-long celebration with activities to commemorate 40 years of serving communities throughout Ohio and providing opportunities for Ohioans to participate in and appreciate the arts.

National Arts and Humanities Month is coordinated by Americans for the Arts, the national organization working to empower communities with the resources and support necessary to provide access to all of the arts for all people. The Ohio Arts Council urges artists and arts organizations around the state to participate in Arts and Humanities Month, October 2005 by planning your own activities to honor the cultural heritage and arts in your community. See the last page of this newsletter for ideas to get started and stay tuned for more information about what the OAC has planned to celebrate 40 years of public support for the arts.



LeadershipSpotlight

Senator Robert F. Hagan

Democrat

OFFICE Senate, 33rd District

YEARS IN OFFICE Senate member since 1997, State Representative (1987–1997)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee, Environment & Natural Resources (Ranking Minority Member), Health & Human Services, Highways & Transportation, Legislative Information Systems; Rules

PERSONAL Married, five children

HOMETOWN Youngstown

EDUCATION

Ursuline High School

RECENT HONORS

Elected as Assistant Monority Whip

ARTS & CULTURAL SUPPORT

Ballet Western Reserve, SMARTS Program, Youngstown Arts Council, Butler Institute of Art

FAVORITE ARTS PASTIME

Ballroom, Latin and Hungarian Dancing

LAST GOOD BOOK READ

What's the Matter with Kansas
by Thomas Frank

OHIO HERITAGE FELLOWSHIPS DEADLINE JULY 15

Each year, the Ohio Arts Council in partnership with the Ohio Folk Arts Network awards up to three \$1,500 Ohio Heritage Fellowships to individuals whose work in the folk arts has had a significant impact on the people and communities of the state. The folk and traditional arts grow out of particular cultures and are recognized as the artistic expressions of ethnic, linguistic, occupational or regional groups. The Fellowships will honor Ohio master folk and traditional artists who carry forward the folk traditions of their families and communities through practice and teaching.

The deadline for nominations for the 2006 awards is July 15, 2005. The OAC considers nominations for Ohio Heritage Fellowships in three categories: performing arts (folk dance and music), community leadership and material culture (folk art and crafts). The performing arts and material culture fellowships are given to individuals for their lifelong record of artistic excellence, authenticity and significance. The community leadership fellowship is given to an individual whose lifelong achievements have had a lasting positive impact on the excellence, vitality and public appreciation of the folk and traditional arts in Ohio.

Nominations are reviewed by a panel of experts in the folk and traditional arts. Awards will be announced in the fall. Self-nomination is not permitted. Nominees must be Ohio residents.

To nominate a folk artist or outstanding community leader in the traditional arts for the Ohio Heritage Fellowships visit www.oac.state.oh.us or contact the Office of Individual Creativity at 614/466-2613 or e-mail irene.finck@oac.state.oh.us.

The Ohio Arts Council Board met at the Ohio Statehouse on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 where they gathered for a group photo with the 40 year commendation from Governor Taft. The Board approved 142 grants totaling \$565,485 in its third round of grants for fiscal year 2005. A complete list of grants can be found on the OAC website at www.oac.state.oh.us.



NEW STUDY REVEALS THAT ARTS-RELATED BUSINESSES PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT

Americans for the Arts released *Creative Industries 2005: The Congressional Report*, which presents detailed analysis of arts-related businesses, institutions and organizations in all 435 U.S. Congressional districts and the District of Columbia. The study reveals that arts-centric businesses represent 4.4 percent of all businesses and 2.2 percent of all jobs in the United States and are present in every Congressional district in the nation.

The findings demonstrate that more than 578,000 arts-related businesses employ 2.965 million people. Forty-nine Congressional districts have more than 10,000 arts-centric employees. More than half of the districts have at least 5,200 arts-centric employees.

Combining January 2005 Dun & Bradstreet data and geo-economic analysis, the study tracks and maps the presence of these arts-related entities in six creative industries: museum and collections; performing arts; visual arts and photography; film, radio, and TV; design and publishing; and arts schools and services.

"The arts have become an economic and employment powerhouse throughout the nation," said Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts during Arts Day, April 6, 2005. "This study shows, in addition to the intrinsic value of the arts, that arts-centric businesses contribute significantly to local economies in all U.S. Congressional districts."

In his remarks at the recent Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio, Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson noted, "At a time when the total number of U.S. jobs shrank by nearly 2 percent, employment by arts businesses dropped at less than half that rate. In Ohio the numbers are much more impressive—arts and cultural business growth in Ohio within the last year was more than 6.5 percent, and employment growth was more than 2.5 percent."

When ranked by the number of employees in arts-centric businesses, institutions, and organizations, Ohio ranks among the top 50 Congressional districts with District 11 (Shaker Heights – Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones) at 10,174 employees and District 15 (Columbus – Rep. Deborah Pryce) with 9,906 employees.

The maps and ranking of each Congressional district in the nation are available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org/CreativeIndustries. For additional information contact John Bianchi at 212/576-2700 or visit www.AmericansForTheArts.org.

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institutions. The OAC and its partners in Chile are committed to encouraging honest expression and a sense of community in the context of globalization.

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio's artists and curators, exhibitions produced by the Ohio Arts Council's International Program and the collections of the region's museums and galleries. For information and hours, call 614/644-9624 or visit www.riffegallery.org.

OAC Deadlines

JUNE 1

- Ohio Artists on Tour

JULY 15

- Ohio Heritage Fellowship

BUDGET UPDATE

The Ohio House of Representatives passed its version of the FY2006-2007 state operating budget on April 12, 2005. The House accepted Governor Taft's recommended 2006-2007 biennial budget for the Ohio Arts Council, reducing it to \$20,476,322, or 37.5 percent since 2000. This would be the lowest OAC budget since FY1992/1993.

The Ohio Arts Council has provided public value to the people of Ohio for the last 40 years. With this long history of success, the OAC now reaches each of the state's 88 counties, ensuring all Ohioans the opportunity to participate in the arts.

Ohio Arts Council executive director Wayne Lawson has respectfully requested that the legislature maintain OAC funding at the FY2004-2005 level of \$23,441,359. With this level of funding, the OAC will continue to have a positive economic impact and provide significant public value to the state.

The Ohio General Assembly will debate the proposed budget through mid-June. During this time, it is vital that you continue to communicate the importance of public funding for the arts to your legislators.

Please visit the OAC website at www.oac.state.oh.us or call 614/466-2613 for more information.

TEN WAYS TO CELEBRATE ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH THIS OCTOBER:

1. Suggest that teachers engage students in a National Arts & Humanities Month project;
2. Give a "behind-the-scenes" tour of your theater, museum or organization;
3. Advertise "Discount Days" during the month of October at your theater, museum, concert or show;
4. Hold a dinner for your staff and/or board to celebrate the work you do to bring the arts to the community;
5. Unveil a new product, project or service during National Arts & Humanities Month;
6. Design posters and signage to promote Arts & Humanities Month in and around your organization;
7. Hold a one-day arts festival;
8. Be sure your city publications know that October is National Arts & Humanities Month;
9. Organize a community talent show;
10. Begin your list of "Things to Do" for this year's National Arts & Humanities Month!

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



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