



## OLGA—THE NEWEST FACE AT THE OAC



OnLine Grant Applications

This fall the Ohio Arts Council will introduce the newest member of its team—OLGA (OnLine Grant Applications). OLGA is the OAC's new web-based funding application system that will be launched in early November 2004. A series of regional meetings around the state in October will introduce OLGA, provide training on how to use the new system and present the new *OAC Guidelines* and program areas that will accompany OLGA.

The OAC Regional Meetings are scheduled to take place in Cleveland, Dayton, Cincinnati, Toledo, Columbus and Jackson. The Ohio Arts Council will also hold two meetings for individual artists interested in applying for funding on November 13 in Cincinnati.

Different than the meetings held in October which were aimed toward organizations, the Individual Creativity meetings will present potential individual users with the information necessary to apply for Individual Creativity grants.

OLGA will have several advantages over paper applications. The system will:

- allow multiple users to complete different sections of the application form at the same time.
- view past, current and in-process applications online.
- transfer information from past applications to new applications.
- submit partial payment requests, final reports, status confirmation and other information online.

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## 2005 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS NOMINATIONS UNDERWAY

The Ohio Arts Council is accepting nominations for the 2005 Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio. The annual awards are given to Ohio individuals and organizations in recognition of outstanding contributions to the arts statewide, regionally and nationally. The nominations and support letters deadline is Thursday, October 21, 2004.

An online nomination system was introduced for the 2004 awards, and will be used again this year. Nominations and support letters can be submitted at [www.oac.state.oh.us](http://www.oac.state.oh.us). Nominations will be accepted only online.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts are presented by the Ohio Arts Council and Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation. Awards are given for Arts Administration, Arts in Education, Arts Patron, Business Support of the Arts, Community (*con't on page 3*)

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- eliminate the need to type basic information about the organization/individual each time an applicant re-applies.

During the past two years the Ohio Arts Council staff, with input from constituents around the state, has reduced the number of program funding areas from 24 to seven. This was a necessary step for both the creation of OLGA and to better align OAC program areas with the focus on public value. New funding categories include: Arts Access, Arts Innovation, Arts Learning, Capacity Building, Individual Creativity, International Partnership and Sustainability. The new categories will replace all existing OAC funding programs.

At the October Regional Meetings, the Ohio Arts Council and the Ohio Citizens for the Arts will facilitate a dialogue to enhance our collective voice in order to support a new advocacy message that demonstrates the complete arts picture: public value, public investment, personal development, education, healthy economics and rich cultural heritage. Together we will design a campaign to strengthen and reveal the personal, relational, social and economic value of the arts in Ohio.

For more information about OLGA, visit [www.oac.state.oh.us](http://www.oac.state.oh.us) or contact Kevin Cary at [kevin.cary@oac.state.oh.us](mailto:kevin.cary@oac.state.oh.us) or 614/466-2613.

**The OAC should be commended for bringing the arts to Appalachia and bringing Appalachian art to the big city!**

—Beatrice Buchsieb,  
Cambridge Concert Association

**“The Artists Fellowship Program is one of the most striking demonstrations of the state’s commitment to the support of arts and culture. It is generous by comparison with most states and more enlightened. Long may it wave.”**

—Lawrence Channing,  
Cleveland Heights

**“The OAC is not only a state treasure, it’s a national model for an engaged, dedicated, and innovative arts agency. You can improve your services to our organization by surviving.”**

—Athens Center for Film and Video, Athens

**“We are so incredibly grateful to the Ohio Arts Council for enabling us to conduct our workshop series. We absolutely had a blast and feel as though we touched the lives of the workshop participants and the public who attended. So many people were surprised to hear that such an organization exists and we feel as though we had a positive impact on everyone that participated.”**

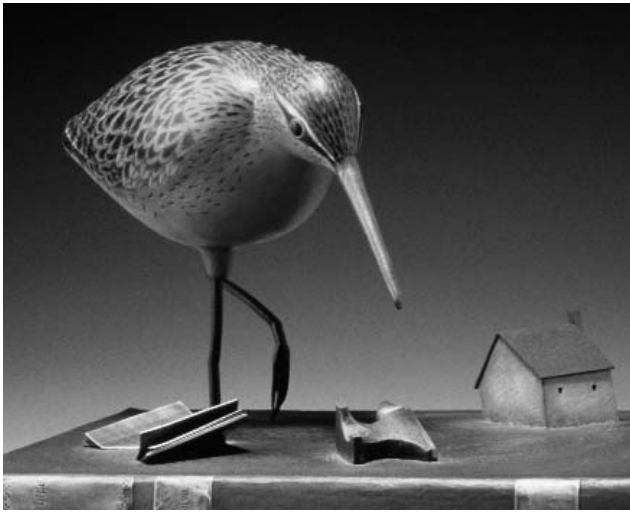
—Brush With Adventure, Kent

## **FITTON CENTER’S SPECTRA+<sup>®</sup> PROGRAM FEATURED IN NATIONAL INTERNET PUBLICATION**

The SPECTRA+<sup>®</sup> program at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts in Hamilton is the topic of a feature article in *The Education Innovator*, an Internet publication of the U.S. Department of Education in the July 12, 2004 issue, available at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

“Our SPECTRA+<sup>®</sup> program provides staff training in elementary schools, focusing on Howard Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences. It involves bringing art, music, dance, drama, literary and media arts’ experiences to elementary school students,” said Dr. Jackie Quay, who heads the Fitton Center’s program. “The research has shown that SPECTRA+<sup>®</sup> students score higher than their counterparts on standardized tests in math and reading, and score significantly higher in self-esteem,” she added.

SPECTRA+<sup>®</sup> has been the topic of presentations at the national conferences of the National Association of Arts Education; the Society for Research in Child Development; the National Arts Education Association; the National Guild of Communication Schools of the Arts, the National Association of Local Arts Agencies and the American Educational Research Association. More information on SPECTRA+<sup>®</sup> is available at [www.fittoncenter.org](http://www.fittoncenter.org) or call 513/863-8873.



Marilyn da Silva, *Story of My Life: Volume III (detail)*, 2000

## UPCOMING RIFFE EXHIBITIONS SURE TO PEAK INTEREST

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery is pleased to present two superb exhibitions this Fall and Winter. Currently on view is an exhibition of work by artists from the Oriente (eastern) region of Cuba September 22 – October 31, 2004. **Cuba Oriente: Contemporary Painting from Eastern Cuba**, a partnership of the Eastern Cuba Cultural Exchange and Meridian International Center, includes 60 exceptionally rich and vibrant works from what is often described as the heartland of Cuban culture. Several of the artists are self-taught, while others include a former museum director, professors and graduates of the region's art academies. The works on display in *Cuba Oriente* vary in subject and style. Classical and modern styles intertwine landscapes, genre scenes, abstract works, surrealistic themes and richly imagined comments on life in Cuba. A series of Cuban portraits also are on view during *Cuba Oriente*. The photographs by Somali-born, Columbus artist Abdi Roble complements the exhibition, giving visitors a broader view of that nation and its people. The Riffe Gallery will present *Visual Arts and Cuba: A Dual Perspective* on **Tuesday, October 26**, from 7 – 8 p.m. This free slide presentation and discussion will focus on the contemporary Cuban art scene.

The Riffe Gallery presents **Educators/Educated: Jewelry & Metals in Ohio**, November 18, 2004 – January 23, 2005. This exhibition is a visual introduction to a vibrant community joined by the chosen materials and academic connections. It is abundantly evident that metal, with its inherent challenges and rewards, its processes and history, attracts passionate, personal exploration by artists.

“Most inspiring to me was encountering the breadth of creative ideas and highly personal forms from the elegant (*con't on page 4*)

## GOVERNOR'S AWARDS (CONT.)

Development and Participation and Individual Artist. Winners will receive a work of art by Ohio artist Nicholas Hill at a public ceremony.

The award ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Capitol Theatre in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts on **Arts Day, April 6, 2005**. The event is free and open to the public. Members of the legislature are encouraged to attend Ohio's premier arts advocacy event. For more information visit [www.oac.state.oh.us](http://www.oac.state.oh.us) or contact Darcie D'Ascenzo at [darcie.d'ascenzo@oac.state.oh.us](mailto:darcie.d'ascenzo@oac.state.oh.us) or 614/466-2613.

## artsmarts

Less than half of American youth have been to an art museum, orchestra performance or dance event in the last year. 46% will not have the opportunity to take music or art classes in school this year, and only a fraction will receive acting, dance or photography instruction.

Source: National Assembly of State Arts Agencies' 2003 Poll Results. For more poll results, visit [www.nasaa-arts.org](http://www.nasaa-arts.org).

# AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM PACKS HUMANITY

The **Ashland Community Arts Center** Arts in Action program is an innovative after-school arts program for teens, funded in part by an Ohio Arts Council grant. Arts in Action offers a variety of disciplines from which teenagers choose to participate, including visual art, music, photography and theatre. The program provides homework assistance as well as social interaction with peers and adult advisors.

A new project offered to the teens through a partnership with the Ashland City Juvenile Court is what they are calling the "Suitcase Project." The juvenile court has accepted donations of luggage from the community which have been turned over to the arts center. The teens in the Arts in Action program are working to restore and add an artistic design to the suitcases with paint and other materials. Once the suitcases are decorated, they will be given to foster children who move frequently from home to home, many who have used garbage bags to transport their belongings in the past. It is estimated that approximately 80-90 foster children will benefit from this project. The suitcases will be displayed at a silent auction on October 23 in conjunction with the 2004 International Make a Difference Day.

Ashland Community Arts Center is a nonprofit, multi-arts organization supported by membership fees and contributions. For more information, visit [www.ashlandarts.org](http://www.ashlandarts.org) or call 419/281-9836.

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## RIFFE EXHIBITIONS (CONT.)

to the quirky, from the historic to the new and the socially conscious," says Brown. The strengths of contemporary Ohio metals and jewelry artists reaffirm the vibrant heritage and ongoing creative vitality of the craft.

An opening reception will be held on **Thursday, November 18th**, 5 – 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. On Friday, November 19, 12 – 1 p.m. Curator Gail M. Brown will discuss the significant contributions made by Ohio's metalsmiths and jewelers as she leads a tour of the exhibition. Brown will explain the historical and contemporary work chosen for this celebration of the state's vibrant metals community. For a \$10 materials fee, adult beginners and more experienced jewelry makers will explore the art of chain making with artist Kelly Malec-Kosak on Thursday, December 2, 2004, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Stephanie Sypsa will share her skills and knowledge of the historic tradition of metal engraving at a free Copper Etching Workshop for young people and their adult companions scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 2004, 2 – 4 p.m. Please call for reservations.

Following the Riffe Gallery Exhibition, *Educators/Educated* travels to Butler Institute of American Art – Salem Campus and the Cleveland Institute of Art.

The Riffe Gallery will offer free tours throughout the run of the exhibitions. For more information contact Riffe Gallery Director Mary Gray at [mary.gray@oac.state.oh.us](mailto:mary.gray@oac.state.oh.us) or 614/728-2239.



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## artsPerspective

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This newsletter aims to keep Ohio's key decision makers informed about the work of the state's arts agency. We'd like this to be a two-way communication. If you have comments about the OAC's involvement in your district or area of expertise please send them to Kathy Burgan at the address below. Thanks for reading.

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