

## PUBLIC VALUE

Your child's first dance recital? A memorable night at the theater? A community arts class that gets your creative juices flowing? A favorite arts teacher who made a lasting impact on your life? Whatever it may be, the Ohio Arts Council hopes you would like to share your arts experience with others and the OAC is here to help. In order to capture these wonderful stories from around Ohio, the OAC has launched Take pART. Take pART is a new initiative that allows Ohioans to share their arts and creative experiences with others at [www.oac.state.oh.us](http://www.oac.state.oh.us).

"We hope Take pART will provide an opportunity for people in Ohio to share their arts experiences and in turn give others ideas to bring the arts into their own lives," said OAC Executive Director Julie Henahan. "The arts play a part in each Ohioan's life and we look forward to hearing stories from throughout the state."



The purpose of Take pART is to demonstrate the wide variety of arts experiences that exist in

communities throughout Ohio. Several years ago the OAC began working with its grantees and the public to define the public value of the arts. Public value is something that exists within each community and is created by the citizens, businesses and organizations of that community.

"While the OAC cannot define public value for the entire state or even for a particular community," said Henahan, "through Take pART we can help Ohio's citizens share their stories and experience the richness the arts add to everyone's lives."

To tell your story, visit [www.oac.state.oh.us](http://www.oac.state.oh.us) and click on the Take pART logo at the bottom of the page. Submissions will be reviewed and posted for others to read within two business days.

To find a list of events to experience in your area please visit [ArtsinOhio.com](http://ArtsinOhio.com).

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Museum (Oberlin College), Butler Institute of American Art, Canton Museum of Art, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cleveland Museum of Art, Columbus Museum of Art, DAAP Galleries (University of Cincinnati), Dayton Art Institute, Kent State University Museum, Miami University Art Museum,

Schumacher Gallery (Capital University), Springfield Museum of Art, Taft Museum of Art and Toledo Museum of Art.

OAC Arts Partnership grant funds will support the cost of image procurement, writing and designing the resources and aligning the entire project with state standards.



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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 Stephanie Dawson at [stephanie.dawson@oac.state.oh.us](mailto:stephanie.dawson@oac.state.oh.us). Thanks for reading.

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## OAC FUNDS PROJECT BY SOUTHWEST OHIO SCHOOLS TO TOUT OHIO ART HISTORY

Mariemont City Schools in Southwestern Ohio received an Ohio Arts Council Arts Partnership grant to produce their innovative Art History of Ohio Project (AHOP). AHOP fills a significant need by providing teachers and students with Academic Content Standards-based classroom materials that present fine examples of Ohio's art, artifacts and architecture.

The Art History of Ohio Project has two main goals: to provide teachers with a powerful and multifaceted resource to help them meet

state standards and to provide Ohio's students in grades 1-8 access to art across the state. AHOP will include a reference book (images, information and assessment tools), an instructional classroom game and a CD-ROM allowing teachers to channel their energy and enthusiasm into their classrooms and helping students to make personal connections to art.

Art museums from across Ohio are contributing collection images, including: Akron Art Museum, Allen Memorial Art

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## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES NEW DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced that Patrice Walker Powell will become the new deputy chairman for States, Regions and Local Arts Agencies. This newly created position, reporting to senior deputy chairman Eileen Mason, will oversee the State and Regional Office as well as the Challenge America Fast-Track program and the NEA's AccessAbility activities.

Patrice Walker Powell has been with the NEA since 1991. She has been responsible for several initiatives including the Community Foundation Initiative with 26 participating foundations and the Rural Arts Initiative which funded 20 state arts agencies in their efforts to help stabilize rural arts organizations. She also has served as director of the Expansion Arts Program, director of Local Arts Agencies and acting deputy chairman.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**APRIL 16: 2008 Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio and Arts Day Luncheon**, 12- 1 p.m. Columbus Athenaeum at 32 N. Fourth Street in downtown Columbus. Join Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation and the Ohio Arts Council as our guests for the Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio luncheon ceremony and a salute to the Ohio Legislature. Many of you have already reserved your place at the table. For those who have not yet responded, please call 614/221-4064 to join in the celebration! We will seat you with constituents from your district when possible. We anticipate another record year of participation.

**APRIL 28-29: Poetry Out Loud National Finals**, Washington, D.C. Ohio state finalist, Rachel Chandler from Chaminade-Julienne High School in

Dayton, will be competing for her share of \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends.

**MAY 8: New Riffe Gallery Exhibition Kleibacker: New York Designer to Ohio Curator** reception, 6-8 p.m. in the Riffe Gallery. A retrospective of curatorial and design work by nationally recognized fashion icon Charles Kleibacker, this exhibition brings together original garments, photography, illustration and memorabilia to examine Kleibacker's long career and his contribution to the worlds of clothing design and fine art. There will be a tour with the curator, Charles Kleibacker, preceding the exhibition opening from 5-6 p.m. The exhibition will be on view from May 8 through July 6, 2008.



**MAY 16: Kleibacker: New York Designer to Ohio Curator tour**, 12-1 p.m. in the Riffe Gallery.

**JUNE 8: Riffe Family Day**, 2-4 p.m. in the Capitol Theatre lobby. Riffe Gallery staff will help children ages 6 – 17 design and construct an original fashion accessory. Participants will explore pattern planning, execute the design in felt and embellish it with various materials. Registration is required as space is limited, and all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration begins April 17. [www.riffegallery.org](http://www.riffegallery.org)

## RIFFE GALLERY PRESENTS FASHION-FOCUSED RETROSPECTIVE

### KLEIBACKER: NEW YORK DESIGNER TO OHIO CURATOR



Kleibacker first came to Columbus in 1984 as a visiting professor in the Department of Textiles and Clothing at The Ohio State University, where a year later he became designer-in-residence. Kleibacker remained at Ohio State until 1995, where his primary responsibility was to build a collection of historical clothing for the university.

*Kleibacker: New York Designer to Ohio Curator* opens May 8 with an exhibition tour with Charles Kleibacker from 5-6 p.m. and a reception from 6-8 p.m. Kleibacker will return

to the gallery May 16 to lead another tour of the exhibition from noon- 1 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH.

Admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 12-8 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m. The gallery is closed on Monday and state holidays.

## THIRD ANNUAL POETRY OUT LOUD CONTEST GOES STATEWIDE, SENDS OHIO STUDENT TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

Ohio's third annual Poetry Out Loud state competition was held on Saturday, March 15 at the Matesich Theatre at Ohio Dominican University. Rachel Chandler of Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton was selected as the national representative from Ohio. First Lady of Ohio Frances Strickland and Ohio Arts Council Executive Director Julie Henahan

32 high schools from Ohio participating in the 2008 Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation. Schools included: Amanda-Clearcreek High School, **Amanda**; Bellefontaine High School, **Bellefontaine**; Timken High School, **Canton**; Chagrin Falls High School, **Chagrin Falls**; Purcell Marian High School, **Cincinnati**; Cleveland School of the Arts, **Cleveland**; Cleveland

students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition. Through Poetry Out Loud, students can master public speaking skills, build self confidence and learn about their literary heritage. Ohio high school student Jackson Hille won the inaugural National Finals in 2006.

Poetry Out Loud is presented by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation in partnership with the Ohio Arts Council. For more information on Poetry Out Loud, visit [www.oac.state.oh.us](http://www.oac.state.oh.us).



Right to left: OAC Executive Director Julie Henahan, Poetry Out Loud Winner Rachel Chandler, First Lady Frances Strickland

presented the awards and certificates to all competitors.

The state champion Rachel Chandler received \$300 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete for the national championship. Chaminade-Julienne High School will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. Jasmin Cannon from Purcell Marian High School placed second and received \$200, with \$200 for her school library. Rebecca Butler from Timken Senior High School was second runner-up and received \$100 with \$50 for her school library. A total of \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends will be awarded to the winners at the National Finals on April 28-29 in Washington, D.C.

This year the contest was offered statewide, with more than 3600 students from

Heights/University Heights High School, **Cleveland Heights**; Columbus Alternative High School, Eastmoor Academy, F.C.I ACADEMY, Premier Academy, South High School, and The Graham School, **Columbus**; Chaminade-Julienne H.S., **Dayton**; Westland High School, **Galloway**; Granville High School, **Granville**; Green High School, **Green**; Central Crossing High School, **Grove City**; Logan Hocking Schools, **Logan**; Madison High School, **Madison**; Medina High School, **Medina**; Millersport High School, **Millersport**; Watkins Memorial High School, **Pataskala**; Reynoldsburg High School, **Reynoldsburg**; Laurel School, **Shaker Heights**; Fairview High School Central Local SD, **Sherwood**; Stow-Munroe Falls High School, **Stow**; Streetsboro High School, Streetsboro; Tallmadge High School, **Tallmadge**; Calvin M. Woodward High School and Toledo Preparatory Academy, **Toledo**; Upper Arlington High School, **Upper Arlington**; West Liberty-Salem High School, **West Liberty**; and Westerville South High School, **Westerville**.

Poetry Out Loud is a program that encourages high school

## OAC 5TH ANNUAL CURATORS MEETING A SUCCESS

On Monday, March 3, 2008 the Ohio Arts Council's Individual Creativity Program held its fifth annual Curators Meeting. The meeting, held at the Columbus Public Library Main Library, is an opportunity for curators from all regions of the state to view digital images of work submitted to the most recent Excellence Awards program. The curators, 34 in total, viewed images from the visual arts 2-d and 3-d, crafts, design arts, interdisciplinary and photography categories. The curators were given contact information for each artist and encouraged to invite them to participate in exhibitions at their organizations. In addition the curators were able to network and share information about events being held at their organizations. This meeting is an invaluable resource to both arts organizations and artists in our state.