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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

The Ohio State University, College of Medicine  
Columbus, OH  
Standardized Patient

October 2019 to present

Participate in mock doctor-patient encounters after being specifically trained to accurately and consistently recreate the history, personality, physical findings, and emotional structure and response pattern of an actual patient at a particular point in time.

Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery  
Columbus, OH  
*Gallery Director*

January, 2002 to February, 2019

Sole full-time employee responsible for leadership of a 4,000 square ft. fine arts gallery owned and operated by the state of Ohio. Act as community and partnership liaison. Develop and implement gallery activities, policies and goals, oversee all aspects including budgeting, hiring contractors, contracts, publications, exhibition design, marketing and publicity, and special events.

Accomplishments:

- Through a series of new programming and marketing initiatives, increased audience annual participation in FY15-16 by 34%.
- Coordinated nearly 135 gallery exhibitions of varying themes, 18 toured in-state or internationally.
- Since the inception of the *Columbus Dispatch's* annual *Year in Review Best Exhibitions*, numerous Riffe Gallery exhibitions have been included.
- Created the Riffe Center lobby exhibition series to showcase local arts organizations and artists including Westbridge Photography Club, Central Ohio Plein Air and Creative Women's Art (CAW). Provided first venue for Somali-born photographer Abdi Roble which was the springboard of the development of the internationally-recognized Somali Diaspora Project.
- Developed on-going poetry reading and writing workshop series to introduce Riffe Gallery audiences to some of Ohio's most talented and widely published poets, authors and playwrights.
- Exhibition manager for renowned Columbus artist Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson's first international exhibition, Museo Nacional de Belles Artes, Santiago, Chile, and on-site coordinator for exhibition exchanges in Budapest, Hungary and Prague, Czech Republic.
- Juror for exhibitions and festivals including GCAC's Columbus Arts Festival, West Virginia Cultural Center, Zanesville Museum of Art, Springfield Museum of Art, Upper Arlington Arts Festival, McConnell Arts Center, Urban Arts Space and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Panel facilitator, moderator for various arts related meetings.
- Voice over talent for Governor's Awards for the Arts.

Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery

*Coordinator*

October, 1997 to January, 2002

Assisted OAC's Public Information Office Director and Visual Arts Coordinator with exhibition selection. Acted as lead worker to Education and Marketing Specialists. Hired preparators and gallery assistants.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated shipping and crating logistics for exhibition exchanges in Saitama, Japan, Jerusalem, Israel, Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Registered artwork on-site in Jerusalem, Santiago and Buenos Aires.
- Developed a family workshop series which continues to provide creative educational experiences for children with assistance from professional artists.

*Assistant Coordinator*

October, 1993 to October, 1997

Hired as first full-time Riffe Gallery employee. Assisted in the development of Riffe Gallery policies and procedures, assisted with exhibition installation, lead group tours for schools, social and senior groups.

## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

**Education:**

BA / Theatre and Drama, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**Affiliations:**

- Springfield Museum of Art, Collection's Committee, 2020 to present
- City of Columbus Public Art Commission, Commissioner, 2017 to present
- Columbus Visual Arts Consortium, Steering Committee, 2013 to 2019
- Supreme Court of Ohio, Art Consultant, 2005 to 2019
- Member of the Ohio Judicial Center Commission (Chair of Art Acquisitions Committee) and Foundation, 2010 to 2019
- Urban Arts Space Community Partners Group, 2010 - 2019
- The Ohio State University Town and Gown Advisory Committee, 2012 to 2019
- Columbus Arts Marketing Association, Member, 2005 to 2019
- Ohio Women in Government, Columbus, Member, 2001 to 2019, Vice President, 2005 to 2009
- Jefferson Center and Academy for Leadership and Governance, Board Member, Columbus, OH 2004 to 2008
- Jefferson Center for Learning and the Arts, Art Committee, Columbus, OH 2001 to 2009
- University of Findlay's Mazza Collection, Visiting Board Member, Findlay, OH 2000 to 2006
- Fellow, Next Generation of Leaders, Academy for Leadership and Governance, Columbus, OH 2001.