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## **Ohio Art League Announces New Director**

*Kimberly Webb Brings Experience and Inspiration to the State's Longest-Operating Non-Profit*

**AUGUST 10 2015 - COLUMBUS, OHIO** – Ohio's arts scene is thriving, with a solid base of local talent ranging from classical to cutting-edge innovation. The Ohio Art League (OAL) is a proud member of the state arts community, supporting its 600-plus members across all stages of their careers. The venerable 106-year tradition of OAL continues with the announcement that Kimberly Webb takes the reigns of the organization as its Director.

"The Ohio Art League is a vital asset with vast potential locally, regionally and nationally," Kim stated. "I am confident in my abilities to assist the organization in realizing its potential."

Kim has devoted the last decade cultivating her career in various positions within multiple cultural organizations. From grassroots art galleries, such as Studio 243 and Chop Chop, to institutions such as the Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus Museum of Art, and Columbus College of Art & Design, she has become well-versed in participating in, developing, organizing, and executing innovative and imaginative creative experiences.

Since 2007, Kim managed the Fresh A.I.R. Gallery, directing the gallery's exhibitions and educational programming, co-developing communications, event planning, and fundraising. During her tenure there, Fresh A.I.R. netted a national award for advocacy and several local awards for excellence.

"My active research in art, theory, community and current events motivates me to create meaningful projects that respond to our contemporary world," Kim continued. "Connecting people and resources is a highly creative act for which I have great passion; that passion has piloted me into becoming a natural leader with strong community relationships."

### **About the Ohio Art League**

Ohio Art League is a non-profit, member-based organization for visual artists. Founded in 1909, OAL is the longest continually operating non-profit in the state. The organization works strategically to help Ohio cultivate and retain top visual art talent while positioning the state as a hub for the visual arts.

The Board of Trustees believes adaptability is the key to longevity. Currently undergoing a renaissance, the League soon will be debuting exciting new gallery space in one of the city's most substantial arts areas and expects to announce a community gathering space in a burgeoning arts district this fall.

Through OAL, member artists receive support across all stages of their careers. OAL helps make connections with patrons of the arts and the broader Ohio arts community, provides opportunities for exhibition and studio space and offers workshops, professional development and members-only events.

### **Upcoming Fall Juried Exhibition**

Ohio Art League's Fall Juried Exhibition runs September 8–October 15, 2015 at the Fort Hayes Shot Tower Gallery (546 Jack Gibbs Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43215, gallery hours are 9:00am–4:00pm Monday–Friday and by appointment). Juror of Esteem for the exhibition is Mary Gray, Director of the Riffe Gallery, Ohio Arts Council. The public is invited to attend the opening reception at no charge on Friday, September 11, 2015 from 6:00–8:00pm.

To learn more about Ohio Art League, to volunteer, sponsor, support or become a member, please visit [OAL.org](http://OAL.org).

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