



Mary Jo Bole  
***Goodbye***  
Cast iron, copper  
22" x 22" x 7"

*Goodbye* is featured in our current and  
*Inaugural Exhibition* at Ohio Art League X Space through January 31.

"This piece is part of a long continuum for me, a lineage of strong

women ensconced in Victorian culture, which I experienced as a left over culture & through my paternal grandmother and an equally decaying city, Cleveland.

Counterculture/punk also are persistent in my work. Consisting of imbedded flotsam & jetsam in a sort of meltdown and breakdown, *Goodbye* is one version."

- Mary Jo Bole

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## Happy New Year!

2015 has been a big year of change for Ohio Art League from hiring our new director to strengthening our board and building our membership to opening X Space and increasing partnerships with organizations such as 400 West Rich Street Art Studios and the Wexner Center for the Arts. Many of these new changes have happened just within the last few months of 2015. We see it as a promising way to renew as we launch many more exciting developments in 2016.

Thank you for being a part of the journey.

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Image by Julie Abijanac

## Ohio Art League X Space

We are pleased to increase Ohio Art League's programming coinciding with offering our members more opportunities and benefits. On December 11, 2015 Ohio Art League and 400 West Rich Street Art Studios launched X Space: a multidisciplinary project and programming space in partnership with Franklinton Arts District at 400 West Rich Street Art Studios. This new space will provide a flexible, experimental space for our members to create projects and programming with the community.

X is a variable- what do you want it to be? Click here to propose [exhibitions](#) and [programming](#).

Thank you to all of our donors, members, and supporters that came to the opening of X Space. We had over 1,500 people attend and gained 41 new and renewing members. Ohio Art League members voted to renew terms for our board members Susan Weber, Andrew Ina and Jay Moffett.



Image by OBLSK

Our current and *Inaugural Exhibition* features the artwork of Mary Jo Bole, Dan Gerdeman, Hiroshi Hayakawa, Angela Jann, Amy Leibrand, Charles Massey, Jr., Andrew McCauley, OBLSK, Barbara Vogel, Jennifer Wood and Jeremy Wood and will run through January 31.

Gallery hours are second Friday of every month (Franklinton Fridays) from 7 - 10 pm, Saturdays noon - 6pm and by appointment.

Upcoming events at X Space:

January 10 from 1 - 4 pm: Figure drawing with Michael Crapser

January 14 beginning at 5:30 pm talks by exhibiting artists:  
Mary Jo Bole, Dan Gerdeman, Jeremy Wood, Amy Leibrand

January 15 from 7 - 10 pm: OBLSK projection and performance

January 21 beginning at 5:30 pm talks by exhibiting artists:  
Hiroshi Hayakawa, Charles Massey, Jr., OBLSK, Angela Jann



Image by OBLSK

Our opening night was filled with performing artists as well including: Perennial Rye, DJ Krate Digga, and OBLSK.

Thank you to OBLSK for creating this video to capture the night!



## Additional Member Benefits

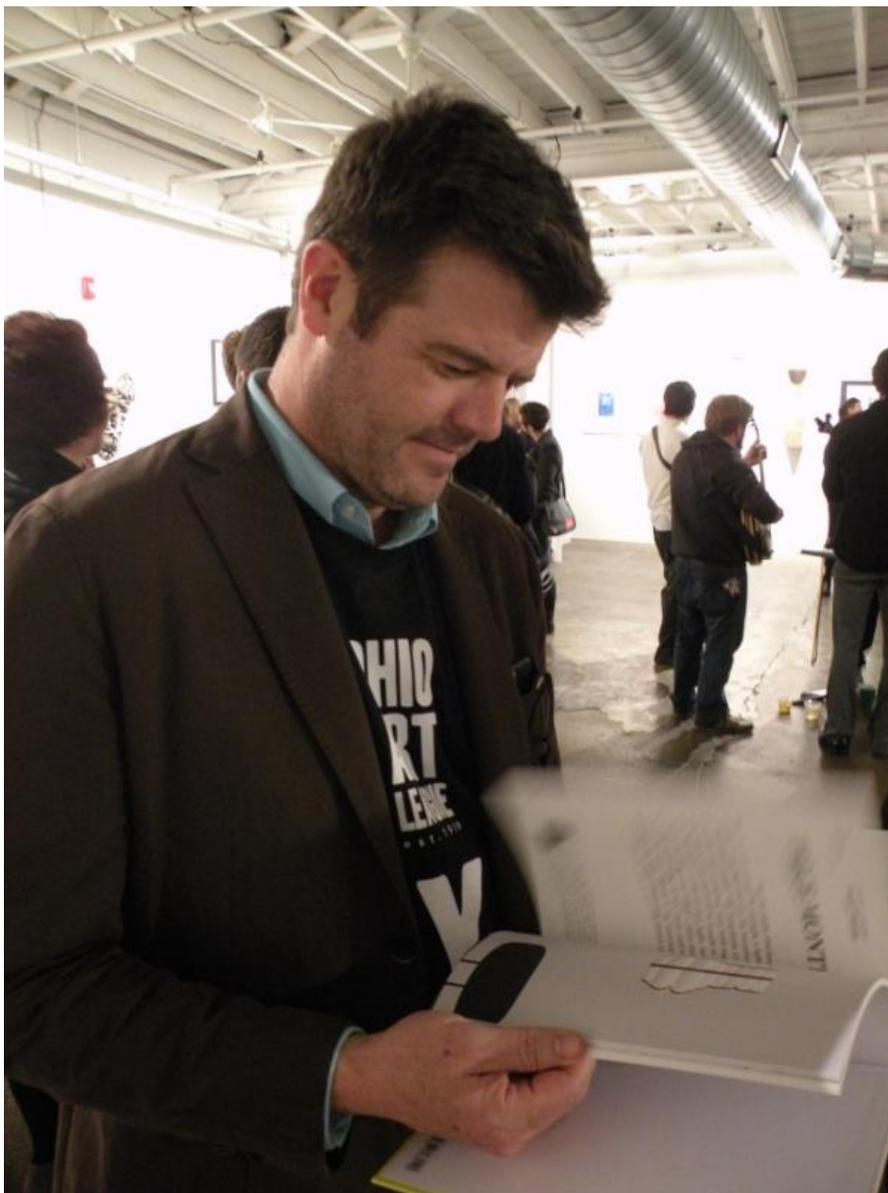


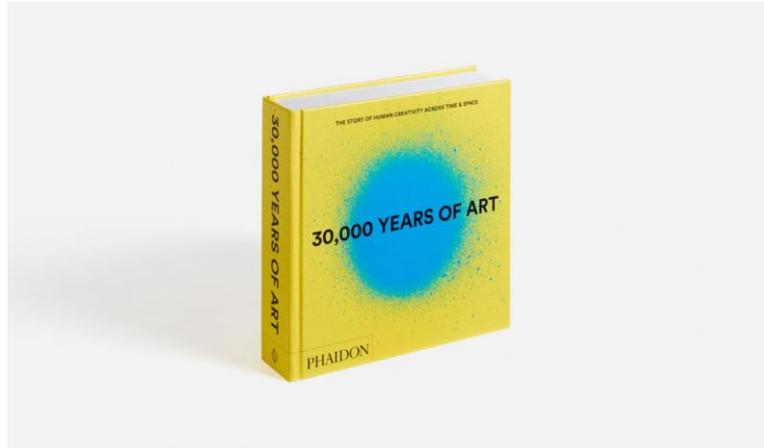
Image by Zach Coneybeer

There are still a few of our limited edition X Space T-shirts available! \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Let us know if you would like one.

The [Wexner Center for the Arts](#) and Ohio Art League have been supportive of each other throughout the years and now we are working on creative ways to bridge us even closer starting with our reciprocal memberships.

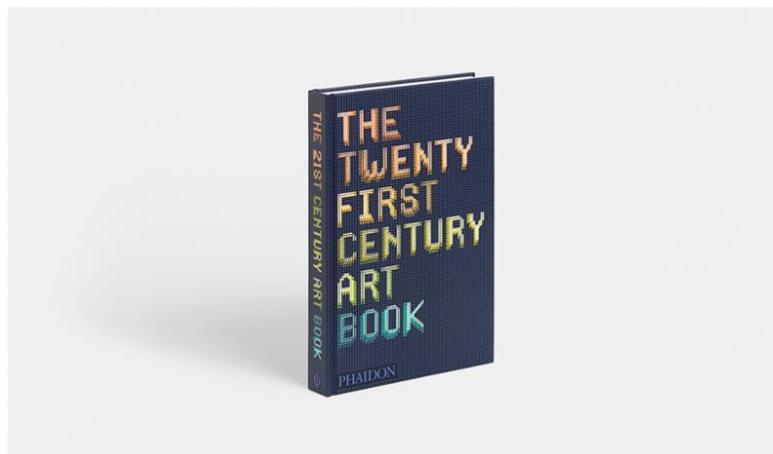
Another benefit to our members is receiving 25% off any Phaidon Press book and at the same time giving back to the league. 25% of your order will be put back into the Ohio Art League's programming. Our new website (coming soon) will allow members to order and Phaidon book directly.

We have the following books available now at X Space:



30,000 years of Art: The Story of Human Creativity Across Time & Space

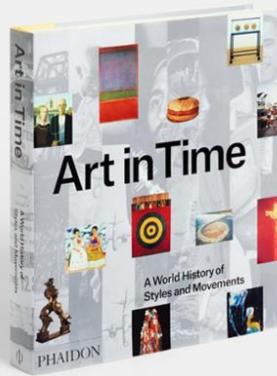
OAL Member price \$30 (Retail price \$ 39.95)



The Twenty First Century Art Book

OAL Member price \$15 (Retail price \$20)

'Beautifully produced...  
An absorbing and  
enlightening gallop through  
art. The careful balance  
of digestible chunks of  
information with beautiful  
images makes this equally  
rewarding as a dip-into  
coffee table book or a  
cover to cover read.'  
— Royal Academy of Arts Magazine



Chris Conti of Phaidon Press donated Art in Time, a \$69.95 valued book for a raffle to help raise funds for OAL. We drew the number **2134811** on the 11th but the winner was no longer around. Please contact us if this is your raffle number by January 22. Otherwise we will draw a name of one of our new members.

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## Ohio Art League Member Cards



Image by Andrew Ina

Our new acrylic mirrored member cards were released at the opening of X Space. If you haven't received your card please contact us to arrange a pick up or mailing.

upload your images and tag #oalxspace

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## Opportunities



## **OHIO ART LEAGUE - CALL FOR ENTRIES 2016-17**

**[OAL.ORG/XSPACECFE](http://OAL.ORG/XSPACECFE)**



### Ohio Art League X Space Member Curated Exhibitions - Call for proposals

Ohio Art League is now accepting submissions for X Space; a multidisciplinary project and programming space in partnership with Franklinton Arts District at 400 West Rich Street Art Studios.

Ohio Art League members are invited to submit proposals for exhibitions at X Space. Submissions may include solo, group, and concept driven exhibitions. The selected proposals will be exhibited from spring of 2016 through the 2017 exhibition season.

The curator's proposal should demonstrate how their personal vision as well as the artist's ambitions and methodologies will be mediated between the proposed artist's work and its audience. Curators are encouraged to propose exhibitions that respond to our times and to write supporting materials that contextualize artists' work.

The support material should reflect the artists practice but doesn't necessarily have to be the work included in the exhibition.

\*All curators and participating artists must be current members of the Ohio Art League.

\*No curator or artists having shown through the Member Curated Exhibitions (MCE) program within one calendar year may be part of any new proposal for exhibition in the same position.

\*Artists cannot self-curate a Member Curated Exhibition. Artists may not participate as both a curator and as an artist of a solo exhibit within the same calendar year.

\*If a proposal is accepted the curator is responsible for coordinating with artists with regards to install and de-install of the exhibition, reception and co-design of exhibition postcard with OAL staff. OAL will assist in marketing efforts.

Submission deadline: February 12, 2016 (midnight)

[Click here to apply](#)

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### Ohio Art League X Space - Call for programming

All Ohio Art League members are invited to submit programming proposals. We are seeking programs that help artists grow professionally, showcase the wide range of talent in Ohio, and make art more accessible in the community. Each proposal will be carefully reviewed and chosen by the Ohio Art League Programming Committee and Director. If chosen, members will work directly with the Programming Committee to schedule the event, develop clear goals, and execute the proposed concept.

Examples of programming include but are not limited to: artist talks, classes, critiques, film screenings, meetings, performances, presentations, professional developments, pop-up shows, readings, social mixers, workshops.

Submissions are ongoing.

[Click here to apply](#)

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Ohio Art League X Space Drawing Classes Sundays 1 - 4 pm with Michael Crapser, OAL

Michael has been leading drawing classes at Ease Gallery for the past year. Starting Sunday, January 10 from 1 - 4 pm Ohio Art League member Michael Crapser will hold classes at Ohio Art League X Space (400 W. Rich St. Columbus, OH 43215) on Sundays from 1 - 4 pm. Classes are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. For questions please contact Michael at [mjcrapser@yahoo.com](mailto:mjcrapser@yahoo.com).



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## **Thank you to our generous sponsors**

Thank you to our donors for contributing to Ohio Art League over the past year. We couldn't have done it without you. Your support allows Ohio Art League to continue to grow and support artists across the state.

OAL would like to especially recognize Peg Mativi who made a substantial contribution after reading Nancy Gilson's article in the Columbus Dispatch last month.

We would like to thank Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP and Thomas C and Mary Ann Hays Foundation for their recent generous contributions.

Thank you to our new partners 400 West Rich Street Art Studios, Wexner Center for the Arts, Phaidon Books. Thanks to Tom Katzenmeyer and GCAC for the wonderful write up celebrating the coming together of our organizations: "The Arts in Columbus Thrive With Agility, Innovation and Collaboration".

Thank you to our power2give contributors including Greater Columbus Arts Council, City of Columbus, Susan Weber, Amy Tillinghast, Marty Kalb, Andreas Baumgartner, Barbara Vogel, Julie Abijanac, Dionne Custer Edwards, and Virginia Garramone. We reached our goal and your contributions were matched by the City of Columbus!

Thank you to those individuals and businesses who contributed to the opening of Ohio Art League X Space. We raised more money at the opening of X Space than last year's fundraiser. Thank you to CoverMyMeds, Land Grant, and Rambling House Soda. Please support these organizations that support the arts.

Thank you to Columbus Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Ingram White Castle Foundation for your ongoing support.

Last but certainly not least thank you to our gracious interns and volunteers: Eva Ball, Frances Bernae, Zach Coneybeer, Kathryn Daiber, Miranda Lanham, Angie Redmond, and Naresh Shendre.

We hope to make you all proud in 2016!

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## Ohio Art League

Ohio Art League is a non-profit, member-based organization for artists. Founded in 1909, OAL is the longest continually operating non-profit art league 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.

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 exhibition awards, workshops, professional development and members-only events. 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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