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Abstract artwork encourages conversation

Paintings by Columbus artist Adrian Sibley now on display at John Glenn International

COLUMBUS – Paintings by Columbus artist Adrian Sibley are now on display in John Glenn Columbus International Airport’s Gateway to the Arts.

“Most forms of art are spell casting in a sense,” said Sibley. “I paint to put the viewer of my work in a different frame of consciousness. My ultimate goal is to use my form of spell casting to open your subconscious. If my abstract forms can make you feel something – even if you don’t know what that feeling is – my magic is doing its job.”

With intriguing titles such as “Afraid I’ve Never Known Fear,” “Munchausen by Proxy” and “I Never Knew Nothing so There is Nothing to Forget,” Sibley’s work portrays a feeling yet invites the viewer to come to their own conclusion. “When I name my pieces several ideas come to mind,” explained Sibley. “I have never painted anything that has one meaning. Most of it is music, all of it is color, some is love and quite a bit of it is hurt.”

Originally from Chicago, Sibley has also shown his work at the Ohio Art League, Roy G Biv and Carnegie galleries in Columbus, and Round Rock Arts in Texas.

“My art is abstract simply because the world is complicated and weird and potentially limitless, and that is what I want art to be,” said Sibley.

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority works with the Ohio Art League to provide the Gateway to the Arts exhibits. The space, next to Max & Erma’s on the ticketing level, features a different Ohio artist each quarter, enhancing the environment for travelers, customers and employees.

“The Gateway to the Arts, a collaboration between John Glenn International and the Ohio Art League, allows us to showcase local artists in an exciting and unique atmosphere,” said Elaine Roberts, President & CEO for the Columbus Regional Airport Authority. “The millions of people who pass through our airport get to experience a taste of Ohio’s vast talent and culture.”

Ohio Art League is a nonprofit, member-based organization for artists. Founded in 1909, OAL is the longest continually operating nonprofit 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 arts.

In addition to the Gateway to the Arts, travelers also enjoy other visual features such as a walking historical timeline in the Legacy of Leadership lounges, a Notable Ohio Aviators exhibit, Roy Lichtenstein’s Brushstrokes in Flight sculpture and a Veterans monument. Local musicians can be found entertaining travelers as part of the airport’s Melodies in Motion program.

For additional information about John Glenn International and its [art program](#), contact [Angie Tabor](#), Sr. Manager of Enterprise Communications, at 614-239-4081. To learn more about Ohio Art League, please visit [OAL.org](#).

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