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**Colorful paintings highlight the beauty of daily life**  
***Paintings by Nigerian/Columbus artist showcased at CMH***

COLUMBUS – Paintings by artist Said Oladejo-Lawal are now on display in John Glenn Columbus International Airport’s Gateway to the Arts.

“My art is a glimpse into my soul and it shares what my joy, peace and aspirations are,” explained Lawal. “I paint from the encounters of my daily affairs.”

The Nigerian-born artist received a degree in painting from the prestigious Yaba College of Technology in Lagos, Nigeria. He moved to the United States in 2009 with his wife and two kids and then received a Bachelor of Science in graphic design from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

“My themes explore the hidden parts of our daily lives – emotions and feelings we mostly think are mundane but really are the essence of who we are,” Lawal said.

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.

“Our collaboration with the Ohio Art League and local artists gives us an opportunity to create a unique atmosphere in the Gateway to the Arts,” said Elaine Roberts, President & CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority. “Our customers and employees enjoy the artwork and we get to showcase Ohio’s 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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