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## Ohio Art League Special Exhibition at MadLab Theatre and Gallery

*'Blue Molly' by Austin Burnside*

**October 17, 2014 – COLUMBUS, OHIO** – Experience a simplistic understanding of material and gravity during artist Austin Burnside's very special exhibition, 'Blue Molly,' running October 16 – November 1 at MadLab Theatre. Austin stated, "My motivations for these works deals with labor and ingenuity. I want these pieces to talk about the livelihood for blue-collar men and women by using their trades to describe their personality and who they are beyond face value. I engineer these sculptures and paintings to become fun, intriguing, or unique to describe more of a complex situation."

View this exhibition October 16 – November 1 during the MadLab theatre production, "Memory Fragments" at 227 North 3rd Street in Columbus. There is no admission to view the artwork. Hours are: October 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, and November 1 from 7:00–8:00pm and by appointment.

An opening reception with light refreshments will be held Friday, October 17 from 5:00–7:00pm at MadLab Theatre and Gallery.

### **About the Artist: Austin Burnside**

Austin Burnside is a student at Columbus College of Art and Design studying toward his BFA in Fine Arts. Predominantly, Austin is a sculptural artist who manipulates materials in a precarious or a strangely kinetic fashion using mostly blue-collar building materials. A few materials frequently found in his works are, concrete, sheet metal, motors, and tar/construction adhesives. Austin combines these materials with his knowledge of building to bring a new light in an unconventional and mostly quirky manner.

"As a young artist it is hard to get show opportunities outside of CCAD corporal limits," Austin said. "I expressed my concerns with my professors and one of them recommended me to Ohio Art League. I became a member and had an exponential rate of show opportunities. This organization has helped get my artwork out into the greater Columbus area and I am grateful for it."

### **About MadLab Theatre and Gallery**

MadLab is a non-profit organization that provides an artistic haven for the creation and experience of original works. It is a laboratory where individuals and ensembles are free to experiment without censor. Each year, MadLab produces seven to eight full-length original productions. In addition, MadLab serves emerging artists by providing an affordable, quality venue to small arts organizations. Learn more at [madlab.net](http://madlab.net).

### **About OAL**

The Ohio Art League is an innovative leader in Ohio for supporting visual artists during all stages of their careers. OAL connects member artists to patrons of the arts, the community, and exhibit and studio spaces. Through professional development, mentorship and advocacy, OAL works strategically to help Ohio cultivate and retain top visual art talent while positioning the state as a hub for the visual arts.

Opportunities to curate and show art in OAL's member curated exhibitions are open exclusively to members. To learn more or become a member, please visit [OAL.org](https://www.oal.org).

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