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**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY CLUB  
and  
Brandt-Roberts Galleries  
present  
Cody Heichel: Watercolors  
March 18 – May 3, 2024**

The Ohio State University Faculty Club and Brandt-Roberts Galleries are pleased to announce *Cody Heichel: Watercolors*, a collection of paintings by artist Cody Heichel. The exhibit will be on view from March 18 - May 3, 2024. An opening reception in Heichel's honor will be on Friday, March 22, 2024, from 6 - 8 pm. Heichel will give an artist talk on Thursday, April 25, 3:45-5 pm. Free and open to the public.

Ohio-based artist Cody Heichel seamlessly transitions between watercolor and oil, capturing life's nuances in his Cleveland studio or painting from direct observation. His latest collection, unveiled on the occasion of his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, showcases exquisite watercolor paintings on paper. Heichel observes everyday views and portrays them as intimate and special - homely scenes, nearby streets and gardens, a summer storm. These fleeting glimpses of life resonate with intrinsic meaning and profound feelings.

Influenced by artistic luminaries such as Alice Schille, Charles Burchfield, and Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Heichel masterfully manipulates color and form. His subjects, though abstracted, remain rooted in a recognizable reality. Describing his process, Heichel says "For me, painting is an act of noticing, and interpreting the things I find myself drawn to. As I paint, I am drifting between states of observing, remembering, and imagining. This process gives way to paintings which may be true to the subject, and others that evolve into entirely imagined scenes."

A self-taught artist, Heichel shared his expertise by teaching a painting class for OSU's graduate students and their families from 2013 to 2022 through the OSU Health and Wellness program. His remarkable accolades include The Past Presidents Award at the 100th Annual National Watercolor Society International Juried Exhibition in 2020, Best of Show in the 2020 and 2019 Ohio Plein Air Society Annual Competition, and Best of Show in the Central Ohio Watercolor Society 2019 Spring Exhibition. In 2017, he received the Greater Columbus Arts Council Visual Arts Fellowship and was selected for the GCAC's 2018 Artist Exchange Program in Dresden, Germany, where he enjoyed a two-month artist residency. Represented by Brandt-Roberts Galleries in Columbus, Ohio, and Visual Index in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Heichel continues to captivate audiences with his evocative and award-winning artwork.

Established in 1923, The Ohio State University Faculty Club is located at 181 South Oval Drive on the Columbus campus. The art exhibition program features the work of selected artists with connections to the university.

All exhibitions are free, open to the public, and on view during the Club's regular business hours, M-F, 9 am-5 pm, or by appointment. For more information, please call the Faculty Club at 614-292-2262 or Art Coordinator Robie Benve at 614-973-0750.

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