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## PHOTOGRAPHER PHILIP FRANTA BRINGS PARIS STREETS TO CENTRAL OHIO

*Paris: Object Awareness transforms urban landscapes into modern art*

**[DATE]** – COLUMBUS, OHIO – Philip Franta’s *Paris: Object Awareness* exhibition, offering a unique perspective on the streets of Paris, will be on view in the Ohio Art League Gallery September 5–27. Franta foregoes such familiar scenes as streetside cafés and the Eiffel Tower in favor of a more thoughtful approach to documenting the city’s increasing pulse. “Franta’s painterly instinct speaks volumes,” says Myriam Solomon, Franta’s exhibition curator and fellow artist. “We see the ordinary transformed from the outcast into a subject worth noticing.”

“The Paris of Atget and Brassai has been replaced by a world where hip-hop culture collides with obsolescence and cathedrals,” says Franta. “My intent is to discover specific scenes and objects that reveal the hidden order within the transient disorder of our present day urban environment.”

*Paris: Object Awareness* will appear in the OAL Gallery in South Campus Gateway, 1552 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43201. The opening reception is Thursday, September 5, 6–8 p.m. The show runs through September 30 during normal gallery hours: Monday through Wednesday 12–6 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 12–8 p.m.

### **About Phillip Franta**

A Canton native, Franta has shown his work in galleries and competitions throughout Ohio, and has been recognized with more than a dozen awards. He has an Associate’s degree from Lakeland Community College, and is currently completing his Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting and drawing at The Ohio State University. His Worthington-based commercial venture, Philip Franta Photography, shoots weddings, bar mitzvahs and other events.

### **About OAL**

Ohio Art League is a membership-based non-profit visual arts organization. OAL provides exhibition and professional development opportunities to artists and enriches the community through art. Opportunities to curate and show art in OAL’s member-curated exhibitions are open exclusively to members. The OAL Gallery features a new member-curated exhibition each month January through November. To learn more or become a member, please visit [OAL.org](http://OAL.org).

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