

## Art and opera on campus

Staff Report

MARION - "Malleable," an art exhibit located in the Kuhn Fine Arts Gallery in Morrill Hall on the campus of The Ohio State University at Marion, will be featured through Feb. 24.

The work of Sanford Biggers, a nationally-known African-American artist, is part of a series of events held to coincide with Black History Month.

"Malleable" features the work of artists Leslie Hewitt, Kelly Kaczynski, Clifford Owens and Chris Sollars, who Biggers said have inspired him. The exhibit incorporates sculpture, photography and films of performance art.

Biggers visited the show and spoke about his display, one of three events held Thursday night at the campus in celebration of Black History Month.

About 30 minority students and family members were at the campus Thursday during a minority visitation night introducing them to OSUM programs.

Also featured at the campus was a presentation on a book written about Ruby Elzy, an Ohio State University graduate who went on to star on Broadway in the American opera "Porgy and Bess."

Nearly 150 people attend the "Ruby Elzy and Porgy and Bess: American Classics" presentation, given by "Black Diva of the Thirties: The Life of Ruby Elzy" author



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Artist and guest curator Sanford Biggers speaks about the various artists represented in his collection entitled "Malleable," which can be seen in the Wayne & Geraldine Kuhn Fine Arts Gallery at The Ohio State University at Marion.

### Coming Saturday:

More about artist Sanford Biggers and the art exhibit, "Malleable."

David Weaver and Opera Columbus  
soprano singer Rebecca Cummings.

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