

*The United States of Gun*, by L. Scooter Morris

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Everyone responds to the American flag, says L. Scooter Morris, a painter and sculptor who grew up in Pittsburgh. The response reflects one's politics, family history, and personal identity. Morris observes that her sculptural paintings of flags can open up or close conversations: one person may be delighted, another disturbed. That's especially the case with this work, in which stars are replaced with guns.