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ArtsWave approves nearly \$10 million from its 2018 Community Campaign, Catalyzing Impact grant recipients revealed, and 2019 Community Campaign Chair Leigh Fox announced

CINCINNATI (June 22, 2018) – Friday afternoon, ArtsWave’s Board of Directors approved \$9,972,911 in grant expenditures from its recent 2018 Community Campaign, slated to support more than 120 arts organizations in all throughout the Greater Cincinnati region in the upcoming year. Eighteen grant recipients were also approved to receive over \$115,000 in Catalyzing Impact Grants from Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funding, closing out the last of three rounds of grantmaking. Lastly, Cincinnati Bell President & Chief Executive Officer Leigh Fox was announced as the 2019 Community Campaign Chair.

As part of the FY 2019 approval, \$9,669,300 in Sustaining Impact Grants, designed to underwrite operating expenses, will be distributed to 37 arts organizations approved for the last year of a three-year grant cycle. (See attached organizations and amounts approved). These organizations were evaluated relative to the progress made on ArtsWave’s Blueprint for Collective Action, a 10-year strategic plan to create a more vibrant economy and connected community through the arts sector. Over 40 volunteer panelists representing business, civic and community groups participated in this year’s grants review process.

Additional dollars were reserved to fund 2019 grant initiatives, including Catalyzing Impact grants, Young Professionals (YP) grants and other initiatives.

Grants were made possible by the 2018 Community Campaign, which ended April 26 with more than \$12 million in donations given by almost 40,000 Cincinnatians and 400 companies, marking the fifth year in a row of this fundraising magnitude.

Recipients of the final round of FY 2018 Catalyzing Impact Grants, one-time awards made to organizations to maximize the breadth of arts and cultural heritage programming offered locally, were approved during the same meeting. (See attached organizations, projects, and approved amounts).

Leigh Fox, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cincinnati Bell Inc., was announced as the 2019 Community Campaign Chair. Fox has been with Cincinnati Bell since 2001. Prior to his current role, he was President and Chief Operating Officer and before that, he served as the company’s Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Senior Vice President of Finance and held various other senior roles as well. Fox is a native of Cincinnati, with a bachelor's degree from Miami University and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. He is on the boards of the USA Regional Chamber, American Red Cross, UC Foundation and Anthony Munoz Foundation. He is a member of the Cincinnati Business Committee and the Business Leader’s Alliance.

ArtsWave President and CEO Alecia Kintner praised the outcome of the recent Community Campaign and the work done since then to disperse monies into the community while simultaneously preparing for next year's campaign. She indicates, "With the contributions from tens of thousands of Cincinnatians and key business supporters, we can quickly but thoughtfully make a sizeable investment back into the community – to those arts organizations that make our region an amazing place for all of us to live and work. No other American region harnesses individual philanthropy for the arts in this way. I thank 2018 Campaign Chair Jim Henning, our generous community and our volunteer leaders for their support and commitment, and I look forward to the new ideas and energy 2019 Campaign Chair Leigh Fox will bring to the Campaign."

About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the lead planner, promoter and fundraiser of the arts. Its roots stem back to the late 1920s when the Cincinnati Taft family provided initial investment matched by community support. In the late 1940s, it evolved to become the first united arts fund in the nation and in the mid-1970s, the first organization to initiate workplace giving for the arts. ArtsWave continues to innovate while leading, as illustrated by its No. 1 rank nationally in community arts fund900 raising; coordination of a sector-wide Blueprint for Collective Action; piloting of new technologies to maximize arts engagement; and development of resources for the arts.

Strong funding for the arts has allowed Cincinnati's arts and culture scene to become a national draw and regional asset, creating a ripple effect of economic and community benefits. Each year, ArtsWave supports the work of over 100 arts organizations, school outreach programs, festivals, community centers, neighborhoods and various collaborations through impact-based grants. In 2018, ArtsWave raised more than \$12 million for the region's arts, marking its fifth year in a row of this funding magnitude. ArtsWave remains the largest community campaign for the arts throughout the country, both in total contributions and number of donors. In addition, the organization partners with the Cincinnati USA Regional Tourism Network to fund an additional \$1 million for arts marketing, grants and services.



ArtsWave Sustaining Impact Grantees FY2019 (Year 3 Renewal of FY18 Grants)

Regional Organizations with budgets over \$1M

Organization	Grant
ArtWorks	\$175,500
The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati	\$221,000
Cincinnati Art Museum	\$1,488,000
Cincinnati Ballet Company	\$851,900
Cincinnati May Festival	\$270,500
Cincinnati Opera Association	\$860,200
Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park	\$1,125,000
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company	\$151,400
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra	\$2,800,000
Contemporary Arts Center	\$376,600
Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati	\$142,900
Taft Museum of Art	\$297,600

Regional Organizations with budgets under \$1M

Organization	Grant
Cincinnati Boychoir	\$33,100
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra	\$35,600
Cincinnati Children's Choir	\$47,100
concert:nova	\$8,700
Elementz	\$33,200
Know Theatre of Cincinnati	\$56,500
Linton Chamber Music	\$12,600
MamLuft&Co. Dance	\$8,300
Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center	\$12,400
Melodic Connections	\$29,200
MUSE- Cincinnati Women's Choir	\$8,400
My Nose Turns Red Theatre Company	\$9,100
Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park	\$36,900
Visionaries + Voices	\$39,000
Vocal Arts Ensemble of Cincinnati	\$19,600

Community Based Organizations

Organization	Grant
Behringer-Crawford Museum	\$34,900
Bi-Okoto Cultural Institute	\$25,600
The Carnegie	\$78,000
Cincinnati Landmark Productions	\$106,100
Clifton Cultural Arts Center	\$39,700
Fitton Center for Creative Arts	\$98,800
Kennedy Heights Arts Center	\$31,600
Kentucky Symphony Orchestra	\$47,400
Oxford Community Arts Center	\$23,700
The Wyoming Fine Arts Center	\$33,200



ArtsWave Catalyzing Impact Program Grantees FY2018 (Round 3 of 3)

Organization	Grant
AlivenArts	\$6,800
Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra	\$5,625
Children, Inc	\$9,000
CIFF	\$11,250
Community Matters	\$7,000
Dinsmore Homestead Foundation	\$2,800
Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council	\$3,100
Lynx Project	\$10,000
OTRimprov	\$4,200
POPP=D ART	\$3,000
Revolution Dance Theatre	\$7,000
School House Symphony	\$4,000
Skirball Museum of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion	\$11,250
Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati	\$11,250
Village of Silverton, Ohio	\$9,375
Weston Art Gallery	\$4,125
Women Writing for (a) Change	\$2,250
YWCA	\$3,750
TOTAL	\$115,775