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ArtsWave Slated to Draw 12,000+ Through its Campaign Event Series Lineup

CINCINNATI (February 5, 2020) – As ArtsWave, the engine for the region's arts, is working hard to raise money now through April 30 for the region's arts, it's also announcing its 2020 lineup for ArtsWave Days, brought to you by Macy's. ArtsWave Days is the nonprofit arts council's campaign event series that showcases the arts and is open to the public, free of charge.

Macy's has sponsored ArtsWave's Campaign event activities for 15 years. Throughout the three-month Campaign, there will be five ArtsWave Days events, including more than 200 performances and activities.

Based on its Campaign lineup, ArtsWave is poised to attract more than 12,000 to its five ArtsWave Days which align to the Community Campaign that engages over 35,000 residents, businesses and other organizations.

For a full schedule of all five ArtsWave Days, including detailed performance information and activities, please see artswave.org/days.

The 2020 ArtsWave Days event series includes the following five events:

1. Lifting As We Climb Day, Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

ArtsWave focuses this day, during the 2020 ArtsWave Campaign, to showcase the African American experience and African American artists during Black History month. **ArtsWave's community partner, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, will be free and open to the public, with all that the museum has to offer, including its brand-new exhibition, "Motel X," a multi-media interactive experienced designed by Cincinnati artist Christine Shrum.**

ArtsWave has a lineup of nearly a dozen performances spanning the day. The doors open with a greeting by the School for Creative and Performing Arts through a trio of musicians from its Jazz Band. At 10:20, the Cincyettes and Cincyette Dance team will perform. At 11:00 a.m., WordPlay, comprised of youth artists and teachers, will share their experiences as people of color, focusing on cultural traditions, social justice, activism and artistry. At 11:30 a.m., Macedonia Living Word Fellowship Youth Ensemble will be performing Deliver Me, a Black History-themed production.

At noon, Destiny L & Musical Elevation will give a vocal performance with a goal to inspire women to live and follow their own paths. At 1 p.m., Ed "Sax" Thomas will serenade visitors with an array of jazz favorites. At the same time, the Cincinnati Opera will perform a recital of operatic songs that were composed by or for African American artists.

At 2 p.m. the Children's Theatre of Cincinnati will perform "Harriet Tubman: Straight Up Outta' the Underground," a one-woman performance highlighting the most recognized conductor on the National Underground Railroad, who was also responsible for freeing over 300 slaves. At 3 p.m., the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra will perform "Rags to Riches" featuring ragtime, Dixieland and other early jazz favorites. At 4 p.m., Elementz Hip-Hop will close out the day with a combination of spoken word, music and dance.

ArtsWave is offering complimentary admission to "Motel X," the Freedom Center's new exhibit on human trafficking. Shrum's exhibit tells the story of a teenage girl trapped in human trafficking, an important message to communicate, given Cincinnati's major thoroughfare, Interstate 75, one of the most active highways for this current day form of slavery.

2. POWER OF HER DAY, March 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at seven different locations

Experience ArtsWave's 18-month collaboration with organizations across the region through the POWER OF HER, presented by Procter & Gamble. POWER OF HER is designed to showcase female-centric arts, female leadership and the milestone anniversaries of locally founded and led cultural institutions during 2020, the centennial anniversary of the 19th amendment. **Seven locations will feature a multitude of concurrent performances, happening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

- At the **Taft Museum**, enjoy Cynthia Lockart's "Journey to Freedom: Art Quilts" exhibition of textile creations, as well as interactive art making sessions. At 11 a.m., take in the 25-year old, female led troupe of Cultural Centre of India performing "Devi – The Dancing Divine." At 1 p.m. mandolin player Jody Koop of Full Moon Ranch will be featured, performing music from Patsy Montana, the first million-dollar selling female artist in the 1930s. At 3 p.m., Cincinnati Baila, a female-led troupe.
- **The Fitton Center**, in Hamilton, will have "10 __ Women," a women's exhibition, and they will host hands-on arts activities based on the exhibition. At 2 p.m., there will be a performance by Joanie Whitaker.

- At the **Annex of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center**, beginning at 10 a.m., you'll be able to enjoy a sculptural art workshop inspired by artist Judith Scott. At 11 a.m., you can do Mandala-making, a traditional woman's ritual practice from South India, led by Radha Lakshmi. At noon, there will be a percussion performance with Liz Wu and friends, highlighting women musicians and compositions. At 1 p.m., take in a performance by 4-Way, Cincinnati's String Quartet. At 2 p.m. you can be a part of the In[HEIR]itance Project, a national theater company-led initiative that will explore the audience's relationships to the history and culture of Cincinnati. At 3 p.m., Mam-Luft&Co. Dance will offer a modern dance performance and workshop.
- At **Clifton Cultural Arts Center**, at 10 a.m., you will have Felt Your Inner Venus through artist Kelli Gleiner as she shares felting basics centered around empowerment. At 11:30, CCAC Dance Instructor Ndieme Ngom, will lead West African dance lesson during Sabar: West African Dance, and participants will also learn about the garments traditionally worn. Also at 11:30, Altered Book Art, through Cincinnati Meeting Tree, will be offered – an opportunity to upcycle a tiny book into a piece of art. At 1 p.m., Innovation Hour will feature staff from the Corryville Public Library who will lead participants in an hour of hands-on activities celebrating female historical figures. At 2 p.m. Acrylic Paint Pouring will be offered by artist Autumn McKinley, and you'll be able to take home your 5"x7" canvas creation. At 3 p.m., Move It!, a fun way to slide, shimmy, stretch and shake, will be facilitated by CCAC Wellness Instructor Leslie Black, all in celebration of your unique self!
- At **UC Clermont**, activities begin at 10 a.m. 11 a.m., you'll join a mostly female ensemble, teaching and leading the audience how to play singing bowls – unique instrumentation and sounds most have not heard. At 1 p.m., the Forget-Me-Nots, a Historical Dance Company will perform, and Wild Carrot plays at 3 p.m.
- **The Barn** in Mariemont will feature an exhibit by the Brush & Palette Painters, a women's plein aire group in their Gallery. They will also have 5" x 7" paintings, themed around women, for sale and created by their membership, and painters and other artisans will demonstrate their crafts.
- **Behringer-Crawford** will offer a special beading and decorative arts exhibition, "From Rituals to Runways: The Art of the Bead." At 10 a.m., the education staff from the Carnegie will lead a drop-in art making session. At 10:30, Clark & Jones Trio will perform a concert, featuring Celtic, classical, old time American, and contemporary singer-songwriter genres as well as the collective works of the Trio's two female composers, instrumentalists and singers, Nancy Bick Clark and Jude Jones. At noon, the all-female ensemble, Raison D'Etre, will perform music from "3 Decades Together," including several originals, a cappella swing tunes and more. At 2 p.m., American Legacy Theatre will provide a structural understanding of plays and then crowdsource a female play with female-based themes, characters and more.

3. OTR Arts Day, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at seven locations

Join ArtsWave for OTR Arts. For six hours you'll be able to enjoy tours of some of OTR's coolest performing venues with performances and activities of all types happening throughout the neighborhood in more than a dozen locations.

- **With the help of the Cincinnati Arts Association, Music Hall – home to the Cincinnati Symphony & Pops Orchestras, Cincinnati Opera, the May Festival, Cincinnati Ballet and Friends of Music Hall – will come to life through performances, activities and guided tours throughout the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. time period.** 10-11 a.m. performances include: Silhouette Studio, Bacchanal Steel Band, School for Creative and Performing Arts Jazz Band and a one of the Cincinnati Ballet performance groups. 11-noon performances include the School for Creative and Performing Arts Baby Grands and Revolution Dance Theatre. At 12:30, Bach and Boombox will perform and from 2 to 3, Band in a Bus and the Cincinnati Opera will perform. **Throughout the day, Friends of Music Hall will provide different guided, docent-led tours that you can enjoy through using your cell phone as a personal listening device.**
- **Across from Music Hall, at Washington Park, the Porch and bar area will be open 10 to 4 p.m., with food trucks stationed and performances happening throughout the day.**
- **The Know Theatre of Cincinnati will be open 10 to 4 p.m., offering tours of their mainstage space set for “Alabaster” and 10:30am performance of “Story Time with Sparkle!”**
- **At Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati, you'll find interactive theater games and short dramatic readings happening throughout the day.** (Note that activities will happen from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).
- **At Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, the lobby will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. with coloring sheets and crafts and participants will be able to meet actors and actresses in costume playing your favorite Shakespeare and classical theater characters. Guided tours will be available throughout the timespan.**
- **At the Art Academy of Cincinnati, you'll be able to enjoy guided tours of the campus to see all that is happening. In addition, you'll have a chance to learn the history of the college, experience exhibitions and make some art along the way. Kids will be able to sample Camp Art Academy, an award-winning, memorable art experience that balances technical instruction with freedom of expression.**
- **Elementz will be open throughout the day with drop-in dance classes and visual art making. Participants will also be able to sing and record in the studio and try out the DJ equipment.**

- **At Rookwood Pottery, there will be behind-the-scenes tours for the community and pottery demonstrations throughout the day.**
- **At Pendleton Art Studio, more than 30 artists will open the doors of their studios from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. to the community.**
- **The School for Creative and Performing Arts will perform their multidiscipline production *Motown* at 2 p.m.** (Note that the school will be open just for the production).
- **At Memorial Hall, there will be performances happening from 10 a.m. to noon.** At 10 a.m., you'll enjoy Anaya Belly Dance and at 11 a.m., Cincinnati Public Radio will perform a musical presentation of *Ferdinand the Bull* with narration by Naomi Lewin and violinist Yan Izquiero.
- **On eight street corners throughout OTR, street performers from the Cincinnati Music Accelerator will greet the community in celebration of OTR Arts Day.**

4. Uncover the Arts, April 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Cincinnati Art Museum with a 2 p.m. performance of *Murder on the Orient Express* at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park

Explore throughout the Cincinnati Art Museum, where you'll be treated to two free exhibitions just for this day – *Gorham Silver: Designing Brilliance, 1850-1970* and “*Something Over Something Else*”: Romare Bearden's Profile Series as well as the last weekend for *Women Breaking Boundaries*.

In addition to experiencing all that the museum has to offer, you'll be able to “uncover” arts throughout the gallery with various pop-up performances by: Queen City Opera, Zak Morgan, Southern Gateway Chorus, Pones, Entente Music, Tracy Walker, and Millennium Robots.

From noon to 4 p.m., in the museum Courtyard, we'll offer face painting through Rainbow Faces.

Top off your day with a 2 p.m. free preview performance next door at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park of Agatha Christie's “*Murder on the Orient Express*,” a thrilling whodunit from the world's most popular mystery writer. (To reserve tickets, visit cincyplay.com with promo code ARTSWAVE2020).

5. Late Night Hub Closing Night – Culmination of This Time Tomorrow Festival, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Contemporary Art Center

ArtsWave Days concludes as the Contemporary Art Center winds down its four-day performance festival, This Time Tomorrow. The Late Night Hub Closing Party is culmination of the festival and an invitation for adults to get connected to contemporary art in all forms, meet new people and share your stories. Galleries and

the Black Box will be open for your enjoyment with performances throughout the evening.

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About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the engine for 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 fundraising; 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 wave 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 2019, ArtsWave raised over \$12 million, marking its sixth year in a row surpassing this milestone. ArtsWave remains the largest community campaign for the arts throughout the country, both in total contributions and number of donors. The 2020 ArtsWave Campaign runs from January 30 through April 30, 2020.