stronger arts for a stronger region

2023 community report
In 1927, ArtsWave was created to grow a vibrant arts landscape in the Cincinnati region. First incorporated ‘for the benefit of arts organizations in existence and those yet to be imagined,’ ArtsWave remains committed to bringing the benefit of the arts to more and more people. The ArtsWave Community Campaign is the way that the Cincinnati region supports the arts to grow engagement and impact. This year, we’re especially proud of the launch of Flow Pass, a subscription series featuring epic African American performances and artists; and ‘More Arts, More Kids,’ an initiative that will fund 50,000 arts field trips for elementary students in Cincinnati Public Schools over the next several years.”

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ArtsWave President & CEO
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Board Chair Leigh Fox at the ArtsWave’s 2022 annual meeting.
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Across the country, arts organizations are working hard to reconnect with pre-pandemic ticket buyers and reach new audiences. Compared to many U.S. cities, greater Cincinnati’s arts show a quicker return to stability, propelled by a generous, arts-engaged community.

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The third installment of BLINK®, illuminated by ArtsWave, attracted over 2 million attendees and featured 28 projection mapping installations, 42 light and art installations, over 100 musical performances and 17 new murals that will remain part of the Cincinnati landscape for years to come.

2023... A CAMPAIGN THAT WAS CREATED TO GROW

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A STRONGER REGION FOR ALL

Acting on its sector-wide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access plan, “Lifting as We Learn,” ArtsWave continues to increase resources for Black and Brown arts while working to diversify boards, staff, audiences and vendors. Through this plan, ArtsWave is working to make our region a place where artists thrive and inclusion is a hallmark of our entire arts sector.

Building the region’s largest funding mechanisms for local, Black-led arts organizations and Black and Brown artists.

Growing a culturally curious audience through Flow, an African American Arts Experience.

Calling on 48 of the region’s largest arts organizations to develop and track DEIA plans.

Offering board training and matching through Boardway Bound.

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In 2023, ArtsWave’s $11.9 million Campaign invigorated our landscape with culture through these grant programs:

**STEADY SUPPORT**

**48** Sustaining Impact Grants

Support for operations is awarded in three-year cycles, with grant amount tied to budget size and community impact as assessed by panels of volunteer stakeholders.

In 2023, nine new cultural organizations became eligible for this category of unrestricted support after several years receiving catalytic project support.

**$1 Million+ Operating Budget**

- ArtWorks
- The Carnegie
- The Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati
- Cincinnati Art Museum
- Cincinnati Ballet
- Cincinnati Landmark Productions
- Cincinnati May Festival
- Cincinnati Opera
- Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park
- Cincinnati Shakespeare Company
- Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
- Contemporary Arts Center
- Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati
- Fitton Center for Creative Arts
- Price Hill Will
- Taft Museum of Art

**CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT**

**8** The Circle Grants

Funded in part by ArtsWave’s Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts, these grants strengthen organizations led by or predominantly serving Black Cincinnatians.

- Artsville, for the “We Are the Change” mural
- Bi-Okoto, to expand educational programs
- Cincinnati Black Theatre Company, for strategic positioning for growth and strength
- Elementz, for its Creative Futures Initiative
- Learning Through Art, to expand the “Books Alive!” app’s impact on literacy
- PAR-Projects, for its Visiting Artist & Education Program
- Robert O’Neal Multicultural Arts Center, for “West End Arts Series”
- Sweet Sistah Splash, for “AfroSwag Hair and Fashion Show”

*First-time Sustaining Impact grant recipient in 2023-24*
ARTIST COMMISSIONS

18 Black & Brown Artist Commissions

Founded in 2020, the Black and Brown Artist Program is made possible by the City of Cincinnati, Duke Energy, Macy’s, the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, Hard Rock Casino and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

This year, artists created work based on the theme of “Truth and Healing.” They unveiled their projects to the community at the Truth and Healing Artist Showcase in July.

Asha Ama, “AGAPE”
Julia O. Bianco, “Togetherness”
Brent Billingsley, “I’m Still Listening”
Preston Bell Charles III, “Divided Roots, Seeing is Believing”
Michael Coppel, “Hands Behind Your Back!”
Desikae “The Silent Poet” Hosley, “Social Therapy: Are We Healing?”
Deqah Hussein-Wetzel, “Urban Renewal Means Negro Removal”
Chenelle Jones, “Yemaya: Sista to the Distant, Yet Rising Star”
Alan Lawson, “Legacy”
Pablo Mejia, “Lejanía”
Daniel Noel, “Nomad”
Gabriel Martinez Rubio, “Pato y Muerte”
Rowan Salem, “Viewpoints Embodied: Middle Eastern Voices in Cincinnati”
K.A. Simpson, “FLIPd: Cincinnati, Ohio’s Historic Places and Spaces Told through African American Stories”
Rebecca Nava Soto, “TLACUĀ PAHTIĀ”
Michael Thompson, “Murmurations”
Silas Tibbs, “Attrition”
Dr. Jason C. White, “Keep the Faith: A Community Musical”

CATALYTIC SUPPORT

36 Catalyzing Impact Grants

One-time project grants are awarded to organizations using the arts to build a more vibrant regional economy and more connected community.

Greater Cincinnati Dance Alliance, for Synergy Series: A Shared Evening of Dance
Greater Cincinnati Native American Coalition for Indigenous Peoples’ Day Convergence 2023
Inspiration Studios, for a community education summer camp program
Ish Festival, for the “Essence” Artist in Residence at the 2023 Ish Festival
Jazz Alive, for “Jazz In the Camp” at the American Sign Museum
Music on Court, to provide musical instruments and accessories for children attending Music on Court lessons
Music Resource Center, for school outreach programs
Norwood Together, for the Norwood International Art Show
Price Hill Will, for the MtCincinnati Summer Camp and Price Hill Music Festival
Queen City Opera, for the world premiere reconstruction of Tchaikovsky’s “Undina”
Refresh Collective, for Remix the Classroom: In-School Hip-Hop Enrichment
Revolution Dance Theatre, for “I Dream of Me”
Robert O’Neal Multicultural Arts Center, for “Cinci Black History Activity Book”
Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band, for percussion equipment upgrade and maintenance
University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, for CCM Prep Strings at Hays-Porter Elementary School
Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, for “Sitting with the Young Dr. King: From Protest to Policy Change”
Wave Pool, for the “Show of Hands” Puppet Slam
Weavers Guild of Greater Cincinnati, for the Gathering of the Guilds
Westwood Works, for the Westwood Second Saturday series events, “Revive” and “Feast”
These one-time grants extended ArtsWave’s reach and depth of impact across the community.

AGAR, for the Cincinnati Music Festival
Outdoor Museum
Cincinnati Arts Association, for “Arts in Healing”
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, for “Little Amal”
Cincinnati Public Radio, to underwrite its 2023-24 season
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber for “BLINK® Oasis” at Hanna Playground
Eye of the Artists Foundation, for the Roselawn Colors of Creativity Block Party
Freestore Foodbank, for the Gold Star Flavor Makers Campaign
Lachey Arts, for “label•less”
National Commission for Black Arts & Entertainment, for the Midwest Regional Black Culture Fest
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, for the Truth & Healing Artist Showcase
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OTR Chamber of Commerce, for “Second Sundays on Main”
Pones, for summer dance apprenticeships
Wave Pool, for the 2023 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference Randall Session
Whitney/Strong, for “Pause: Storytelling in the Square”

CAMPAIGN RESULTS

7 ArtsWave Pride Grants

One-time project grants are awarded to organizations for arts experiences with relevance to the LGBTQIA+ community, funded in part by ArtsWave Pride donors.

Church of Our Saviour / La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador, for the Pride Arts Showcase
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, for “Arts in Healing”
Cincinnati Opera, for “Young Professionals Create Change”
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, for “YP Preview Night”
Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati, for “Show Up!”
Sweet Sistah Splash, for “AfroArt After Dark”
Young Professionals Choral Collective, for “Requiem for COVID-19”

14 Strategic Partnership & Sponsorship Grants

Action Tank, for “Volkslights”
Alliance of Chinese Culture & Arts USA, for “Asian Creative Expression - Illuminating Community”
Art Academy of Cincinnati, for “AAC BLINK: Keith Benjamin Sculpture Class”
Art on the Streets, for “BLINK BRIGHT Ride”
Asian Art, for “Asian Art Night Market”
Breath Collective, for “The Hughes Project 2.0: Music Production”
Preston Bell Charles III, for “Triple Sonicz - Music + Light = Art”
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, for “Light of the Living Dead”
Corporation for Findlay Market, for “Silent Disco at Findlay Market”
The Culture Club of Walnut Hills, for “Walnut Hills Glows Up for BLINK”
Noel Maghathe, for “Mitosis”
A Mindful Moment/The Well, for “The Light in Me”
Most Valuable Kids of Greater Cincinnati, for “One experience can change the life of a kid...in a BLINK!”
NrityArpana, for “Diwali and Loi Krathong: Festival of Lights”
PAR-Projects, for “The UnderWorld of Vince Fraser”
Pones, for “REFLECT: A Disco Odyssey”
Renaissance Covington, for “Dis-COV-Thek”
Revolution Dance Theatre, for “IYOUNImination Station!”
Skate Downtown Cincy, for “SkateFest Cincy”
UnderWorld Black Arts Festival, for “BLINK ARTIVIST, VINCE FRASER at PAR-Projects”
Upcycled Art with Abby, for “Community Storytelling Through Shadow Puppetry”
Visionaries + Voices, for “Illuminating Rhythms”

22 Local Illuminations Mini-Grants

These mini-grants for innovative and creative events and projects complemented the official BLINK experience in 2022.

Logic Tank, for “Volkslichts”
Alliance of Chinese Culture & Arts USA, for “Asian Creative Expression - Illuminating Community”
Art Academy of Cincinnati, for “AAC BLINK: Keith Benjamin Sculpture Class”
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8 ArtsWave YP Grants

One-time project grants are awarded to organizations engaging young professionals in the arts, funded in part by ArtsWave YP donors.

Action Tank, for “Action Tank Civic Club”
American Legacy Theatre, for “Young Professionals Create Change”
Bi-Oko, for “Agidigbo”
Cincinnati Opera, for “Center Stage”
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, for “YP Preview Night”
Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati, for “Show Up!”
Sweet Sistah Splash, for “AfroArt After Dark”
Young Professionals Choral Collective, for “Requiem for COVID-19”

A Cincinnati Jazz Academy class at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Photo credit: Melissa Kyrlach

Flamenco dance instructor and choreographer Irene Rodriguez leads a class during Cincinnati Ballet’s Bold Moves Festival. Photo courtesy of Cincinnati Ballet
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*50% or more employee participation*

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Community members at Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra’s Brady Block Party in the West End.
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An artist reception at Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum.
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CHAIRMAN’S CHALLENGE: MORE ARTS, MORE KIDS

“More Arts, More Kids” will provide 50,000 arts field trips for low-income elementary school kids within Cincinnati Public Schools over the next five years, piloting a program that can be replicated in other districts.

$100,000+
The Gladys and Ralph Lazarus Education Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation
Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation

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In Memoriam

Mary “Sue” Butler
1944-2023
A lifelong resident of Northern Kentucky, Sue was deeply committed to her community. To give back, she established the Butler Foundation with her husband, Bill. She served on the Northern Kentucky Harvest, and Cincinnati Zoo boards, and she supported the arts through her service on the board of the Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Center in Covington, where she was an active member of the Education Committee.

Jonathan Wayne Carter
1956-2023
A self-taught artist, Jonathan applied his background in chemistry to painting and worked in oils and mixed media. Before his untimely death in 2023, he was selected as a recipient of ArtsWave’s Black and Brown Artist Program grant for a project entitled “Secret Bias,” which focused on exposing and exploring hidden biases within a community.

Susan S. Friedlander
1933-2022
Born and raised in Cincinnati, Sue found her passion in the arts. She was a steadfast supporter of ArtsWave and many arts organizations, including Cincinnati Ballet, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati. In 2022, the University of Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music honored her with the Distinguished Service Award for her role in bringing world-class musicians to CCM, sharing her love of music with audiences of all ages and interests.

Jack David and Marilyn Jean Osborn
1936-2023, 1942-2023
Jack and Marilyn were avid supporters of Cincy’s arts and ArtsWave. Both loved Cincinnati — especially Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Cincinnati Ballet and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Marilyn served on the Board of Directors for the CSO and the Ballet. Jack served on the Playhouse Board for 22 years, with two years as board president. One of his biggest thrills was accepting a Tony Award for Best Regional Theater on behalf of his beloved Playhouse in 2004.

Nancy M. Stautberg
1937-2023
Nancy grew up in a house of learning and music, both of which persisted throughout her life. The daughter of a music teacher and a church organist, she loved singing four-part harmony with her sisters. Later in life, she found joy in back porch sing-a-longs with her children and grandchildren. She led the 1986 Fine Arts Fund Campaign with her husband, Bob, raising more than $4 million for Cincy’s arts.
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