



stronger arts for a stronger region

2023
community
report

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- WORKPLACE GIVING
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25,000+ individuals, businesses and foundations give to ArtsWave.



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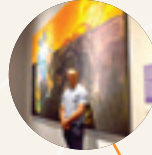
PUBLIC ART

FESTIVALS

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS CENTERS

YOUTH ARTS EDUCATION

THEATER



DANCE



Those gifts are invested in 150+ artists and arts organizations across the region.



Those outcomes create a more vibrant economy and connected community for all of us.



PEOPLE CONNECTING

90% agree the arts help them understand perspectives from different cultures.*



A BOOMING REGION

84% of 18-39 year olds agreed that the arts are a reason they stay in Cincy.*
Among large U.S. regions, Cincinnati ranks in the top 20 in the country for Arts Vibrancy, according to SMU DataArts.

With ArtsWave's support, the region's arts create outsized impact and outcomes.



ARTS DEEPEN ROOTS IN THE REGION

More than 4,000 people joined ArtsWave affinity groups, further connecting to each other and the community.



ARTS BRIDGE CULTURAL DIVIDES

With ArtsWave's encouragement, the region's 40 largest arts organizations have created board-approved diversity, equity, inclusion and access plans.



ARTS FUEL CREATIVITY AND LEARNING

ArtsWave's "More Arts, More Kids" initiative will provide arts field trips for all 1st through 6th graders in Cincinnati Public Schools.



ARTS PUT CINCINNATI ON THE MAP

BLINK®, illuminated by ArtsWave, brought 2+ million people in 2022, making it Cincy's largest event ever and the largest immersive art experience in the nation.



ARTS ENLIVEN NEIGHBORHOODS

Last year, 2.3 million people in neighborhoods across the region attended free or low-cost arts events offered by ArtsWave-funded organizations.

Photos (left to right):
Pixxel Designs
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* According to a 2022 UC survey of arts-engaged citizens.

“ 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.”

Alecia Kintner
ArtsWave President & CEO



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Board Chair Leigh Fox at the ArtsWave's 2022 annual meeting.
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“ ArtsWave is one of Cincinnati’s preeminent civic organizations. It has an almost century-long track record as an effective steward of community resources. That steadiness, combined with a reputation for continuous innovation and improvement, puts ArtsWave in a strong position for continued leadership in the region.”

Leigh Fox
ArtsWave Board Chair
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Co-Chair Carl Satterwhite announces the 2023 Campaign results.
Photo credit: Jeni Barton

ARTSWAVE DONORS HELP FUEL THE BOUNCE-BACK

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.

"This Campaign was an invitation for new and returning friends to discover amazing arts and be part of a huge economic and social impact on our region. We thank the 25,000 donors who responded to the invitation and supported ArtsWave in 2023. Your gifts make the Cincinnati region stronger by strengthening its arts."

Carl Satterwhite and Scott Robertson, RCF Group 2023 ArtsWave Campaign Co-Chairs



Photo credit: Jeni Barton

Music Hall at BLINK 2022.
Photo credit: Pixel Designs



BLINK® DELIVERS A \$126 MILLION DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT

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.



This is Loop's "Toroid" at BLINK 2022.

Photo credit: Will Jones



A "More Arts, More Kids" field trip.
Photo courtesy of The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati

MORE THAN \$500,000 RAISED FOR ARTS FIELD TRIPS

Led by 2023 Campaign Co-Chairs Carl Satterwhite and Scott Robertson, the "More Arts, More Kids" challenge is on a mission to send every CPS student from 1st to 6th grade on a field trip that establishes a lifetime of arts participation with the region's premier cultural venues.

"In over a decade of involvement with ArtsWave, I've seen important progress. The ArtsWave Campaign provides foundational support for more organizations and artists than ever. I celebrate that accomplishment, along with the ever-growing networking groups that come together under the ArtsWave banner: the Women's Leadership Roundtable, the Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts, ArtsWave Pride and ArtsWave YP. Let's grow these groups and the initiatives they develop so we can help the arts build a stronger community."



Lisa Sauer, P&G (retired) 2024 ArtsWave Community Campaign Co-Chair and ArtsWave Life Trustee

2023... A CAMPAIGN THAT WAS CREATED TO GROW

Friends of Music Hall's "Happy Holidays with the Mighty Wurlitzer" concert, featuring excerpts from Revolution Dance Theatre's "Hot Chocolate."
Photo credit: Hartong Digital Media

CINCY IS A TOP 20 ARTS-VIBRANT CITY THREE YEARS RUNNING

The secret is out! From the 1800s until today, Cincinnati has always "punched above its weight" when it comes to the quality and variety of its arts. That vibrancy keeps getting stronger as ArtsWave-funded arts propel our region into the future.

Artist James Brown at the 2023 Cincinnati Music Festival Outdoor Museum.
Photo Courtesy of Agar



"The arts are integral to what makes Cincinnati the great region it is today. Our arts institutions are among the top reasons people live, work and visit here. As community leaders, it's our responsibility to help sustain these assets for the benefit of current and future generations of residents."

Jon Moeller, P&G Chairman, President & CEO 2024 ArtsWave Community Campaign Co-Chair



2023 Black and Brown Artist Program grant recipients at the Truth & Healing Artist Showcase with ArtsWave's Janice Liebenberg and Alecia Kintner. Photo credit: Jeni Barton

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.



Bi-Okoto's education programs will expand over the next year thanks to a 2023 Circle grant. Photo courtesy of the University of Cincinnati African American Cultural and Research Center

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



The *Flow Pass*, introduced in 2023, is a subscription to five experiences featuring world-class Black artists and innovators, kicking off with "Clyde's" at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Photo courtesy of Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park

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



Revolution Dance Theatre's "I Dream of Me" performance. RDT is one of nine new Sustaining Impact grantees, each of which is required to have a board-approved DEIA plan. Photo credit: Jeremy Griffin

Showcasing **new work by Black and Brown artists** each summer.



"Pato y Muerte" by Gabriel Martinez Rubio at the Truth & Healing Artist Showcase. Photo credit: David Choate Productions

Ongoing professional development and DEIA learning sessions for arts sector staff and board members.



Local arts professionals at a community engagement lunch and learn event in the American Sign Museum. Photo credit: Ray Gargano

Offering **board training and matching** through Boardway Bound.



Boardway Bound program graduates. Photo credit: Forge Film + Photography

Convening arts professionals of color to create supportive new networks.





Rapper Common receives the key to the city from Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval after performing with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. Photo credit: JP Leong



Cincinnati Art Museum visitors at Kehinde Wiley's "The Two Sisters," which the museum acquired in March of 2023. Photo credit: Leigh Vukov

ARTSWAVE DONORS MOVE THE REGION FORWARD

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

STEADY SUPPORT



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
- Fifton Center for Creative Arts
- Price Hill Will*
- Taff Museum of Art

\$300,000 to \$1 Million Operating Budget

- Behringer-Crawford Museum
- Bi-Okoto
- Cincinnati Boychoir
- Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra
- Cincinnati Youth Choir
- Clifton Cultural Arts Center
- Elementz
- Kennedy Heights Arts Center
- Kentucky Symphony Orchestra
- Know Theatre of Cincinnati
- Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival*
- Oxford Community Arts Center
- Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum
- Visionaries + Voices
- Wave Pool*
- Wyoming Fine Arts Center

Less than \$300,000 Operating Budget

- American Legacy Theatre*
- ArtsConnect
- Cincinnati Men's Chorus*
- Learning Through Art
- Linton Chamber Music
- A Mindful Moment/The Well*
- MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir
- Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Centers
- My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus
- NrityArpana
- PAR-Projects*
- Pones
- Queen City Opera*
- Revolution Dance Theatre*
- Vocal Arts Ensemble
- Young Professionals Choral Collective

CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT



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

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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 Coppage, "Hands Behind Your Back!"

Desirae "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"



The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati's production of "Disney's Moana JR." Photo credit: Mikki Schaffner

Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra's festival style music program "Healing & Understanding: We Are One" at Christ Church Cathedral.

Photo credit: Mark Lyons

CATALYTIC SUPPORT

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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.

1N5 for "STAY ALIVE / MAKE ART / CINCINNATI"

African Professionals Networking (APNET), for AfriFest Cincy 2023

Alliance of Chinese Culture & Arts USA, for the Cincinnati Asian Arts Festival 2023

ARTE, for "JOE"

Ballet&Books, for Ballet&Books Homebase: Cincinnati Program

Ben Carlson-Berne Scholarship Fund, to provide music lessons for Shroder High School orchestra classes

Carthage Civic League, for "Putting the ART in Carthage"

Cincinnati Fusion Ensemble, to expand its High School Vocal Music Education Program

Cincinnati Music & Wellness Coalition, for Wellness & Culture through Art Forms

The Cincinnati Review/University of Cincinnati, for Queer Soup x Queer Stories

Cindependent Film Festival, for the 2023 Cindependent Film Festival

The Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati, for the Summer Artist-Steward program

Commonwealth Artists Student Theatre, for Theatre SMRT

Creative Aging Cincinnati, for art programs for community seniors

Dearborn Highlands Arts Council, to improve and expand its gallery

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, for Personal Growth and Expression through Theater

Fourthwall Youth Studios, for the "Shut Down the Stigma. Turn Up the Talk." youth mental health film series

Opening night of "A Chorus Line," Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's first production in its new home, Moe and Jack's Place - The Rouse Theatre. Photo credit: Mikki Schaffner

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 MYCincinnati 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"

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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 "ShakesQueer"

Know Theatre of Cincinnati, for "Lizard Boy: A New Musical"

Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Centers, for two new dance commissions from LGBTQIA+ artists

Pones, for "Rainbow Box" (with Michael Coppage)

Queen City Opera, for "The Post Office"

Women Writing for (a) Change, for "Let's Be Perfectly Queer"

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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-Okoto, 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"

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Local Illuminations Mini-Grants

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

Action 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"

Art on the Streets, for "BLINK BRIGHT Ride"

Asianati, for "Asianati 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 "iYOUmination 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"

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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Strategic Partnership & Sponsorship Grants

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

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"

The BLINK 2022 opening parade.
Photo credit: Zack Kauth

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

Dancers at the Cincinnati Art Museum's Art After Dark program.
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** 50% or more employee participation*

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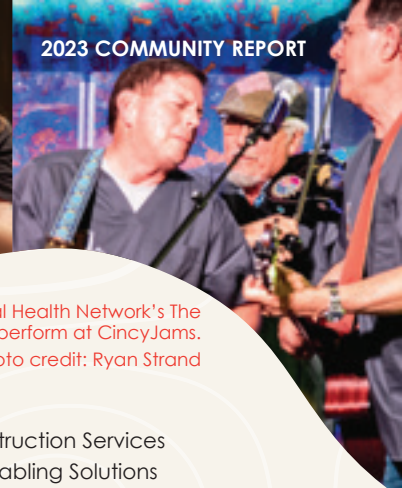
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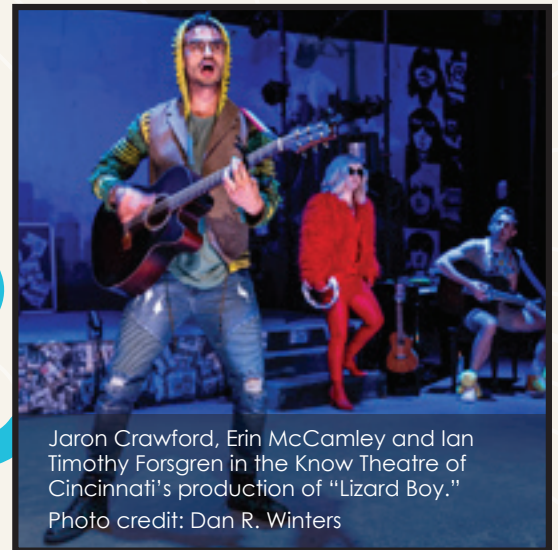
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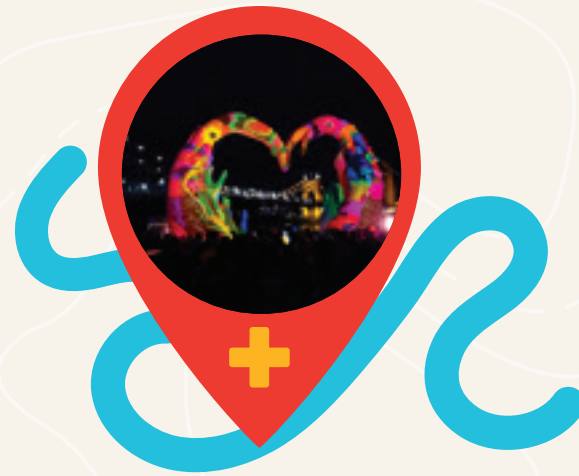
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In Memoriam



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.



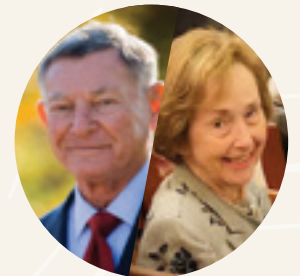
Susan S. Friedlander 1933-2022

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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