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A Dozen Arts Venues Open All At Once Throughout OTR - March 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

CINCINNATI (March 4, 2020) – As ArtsWave, the engine for the region's arts, is raising money now through April 30, it's worked with the major arts organizations and venues to create the most extensive arts open house ever in Over-the-Rhine.

This open house, known as OTR Arts Day, is the third of five 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.

More than a dozen locations around OTR will participate in OTR Arts Day.

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 put on performances, activities and tours throughout the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. time period.

- Friends of Music Hall will provide three different guided, docent-led tours of Music Hall, covering behind-the-scenes areas such as the Taft Suite, Music Library and Green Room; outside structural architecture; and Corbett Tower and gallery.
- Concurrent performances will happen throughout Music Hall all day. Performance schedule: 10-11 a.m. include: Bacchanal Steel Band (interactive audience percussion jam), School for Creative and Performing Arts Jazz Trio (performing pieces by legendary Jazz composers) and Cincinnati Ballet (preview performance of Snow White). 11-noon performances include the School for Creative and Performing Arts Baby Grands (performing toe-tapping tunes), the School for Creative and Performing Arts Gospel Choir performing Mary, Mary and Grateful by Hezekiah), Revolution Dance Theatre (performing excerpts from two new ballets "Our Turn" and the 2020 #BlackBrownandBallet Experience). At 12:30, Bach and Boombox will perform (focusing on Bach's cello music with Bruno Mars, James Brown, and AC/DC integrated into the performance) and from 2 to 3, Band in a Bus (creating a 'jam circle' for making music) and the Cincinnati

Opera (presenting 15-minute performances of opera favorites from rehearsals to a costumed finale). Silhouette Studio, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (hand-cut silhouette portraits and history of silhouettes).

- 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 by Sharon McCullom/Shanay Productions, Ed "Sax" Thomas and DestinyL & Taifa.
- Know Theatre of Cincinnati will be open 10 a.m. 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, from 10-11 a.m., you can see Hunter Heartbeat. From 11 a.m. to noon, Justice play readings will be done with discussions. Noon to 1 will end with another performance of Hunter Heartbeat. (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 (10 a.m. to noon) and visual art making (2 - 4 p.m.). Participants will also be able to sing and record in the studio and try out the DJ equipment (noon to 2 p.m.).
- At Rookwood Pottery, there will be complimentary tours held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the community and pottery demonstrations throughout the day.
- At Pendleton Art Studio, nearly 50 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 '67. " 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 Street Stage Project will greet the community in celebration of OTR Arts Day.

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

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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.