



BLINK® announces artist line up, project scale of its fourth celebration of public art set against the backdrop of Cincinnati's urban core

The nation's largest public light and art festival returns to Cincinnati in October featuring more than three dozen local artists

CINCINNATI (June 20, 2024) ---- BLINK®, one of the nation's largest public art events, returns October 17-20, 2024 with a thrilling roster of more than 80 innovative global artists, including more than three dozen from the Cincinnati region. BLINK, illuminated by ArtsWave, is expanding both its physical reach and its artist representation for a global immersive experience, all while maintaining the festival's local spirit and celebration of Cincinnati's arts and culture.

The biennial, four-day festival will once again transform downtown Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky into an illuminated celebration of world-class public art as attendees are immersed in brilliant color and spectacle. Iconic Cincinnati landmarks, as well as hidden corners of the urban core, will be bathed in a kaleidoscope of colors, as the community is invited to explore, play, and interact with the works all across the city.

Local and regional artists will join dozens of others from around the world for the city's signature arts event, creating 15 one-of-a-kind murals and more than 70 stunning light-based art and projection mapping installations. Its footprint will span three cities, one river and more than 30 city blocks.

Local artists participating in BLINK include:

Muralists

[Chroma Projects](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Gee Horton](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Javarri Lewis](#), Cincinnati, OH
William Rankins Jr., Cincinnati, OH

Lighted Artists

[AfroChine](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Asianati Night Market](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Asha Ama](#), Cincinnati, OH

Bill Thomas, Cincinnati, OH
[Britni Bicknaver](#) with Brianna Kelly, Newport, KY
[Caitlin McCall](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Christine Langford](#), Newport, KY
[Daniel Shields](#), Covington, KY
[Drive Media House/JONBOB](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Evan Verrilli](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Jessica Wolf](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Kyle Eli Ebersole](#) + Ian Molitors (Resonate Wave), Cincinnati, OH
[Keep Cincinnati Beautiful](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Kemper Sauce Studios](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Kevin Kunz \(The Adventurer\)](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Tom Tsuchiya](#), Blue Ash, OH
[Warmth Culture](#), Cincinnati, OH

Projection Artists

[Asa Featherstone IV](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Black Art Speaks](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Brandon Kraemer](#), Dayton, KY
[Chaske Haverkos](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Jason Snell](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Kyle Eli Ebersole](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Lightborne](#), Cincinnati, OH
[Moonbuggy](#), Ft. Thomas, KY
Mural Remix, Cincinnati, OH
[Scott Budd](#), Newport, KY
[Spotted Yeti Media](#), Covington, KY

Top tier arts and technology programs from around the region will also participate, including Art Academy of Cincinnati, Columbus College of Art and Design and Miami University's Department of Emerging Technology in Business and Design. Find the complete list of BLINK artists [here](#).

Returning this year is an expanded interpretation of Dan Shields' much photographed String Theory installation, alongside other crowd favorites like the illuminated Toy Heritage mural, Asianati Night Market, and popular drone show. New this year will be expanded works in Newport, KY, as well as a laser projection spanning the Ohio River.

"I've been fortunate to have the gift of time to really be intentional about what BLINK is and can be," said Justin Brookhart, Executive Director of BLINK. "We want it centered around the artists and our regional community. From the opening ceremonies, to the artwork, to the parties we hope people will throw, BLINK embraces all of who we are."

BLINK takes special care to curate works that not only complement Cincinnati but enhance it, blending the local arts scene with global cultural influence. In this way, Cincinnati showcases its signature blend of historic arts contributions with conversations about new media, technology and the future of the creative field.

"BLINK provides a moment in time where people of all backgrounds, interests, and hopes can come together. It allows artists to dream big and for us all to see one another in a new light. It's about connecting people to art -- and using art to connect." said Destinee Thomas, Co-Founder of Cincy Nice. "The shared experience of BLINK is one that lasts in the hearts and minds long beyond the four nights of the event. We invite all to join us in making new memories together this fall."

For the first time since LumenoCity, Over-The-Rhine's most famous building, Cincinnati Music Hall, will be illuminated during BLINK. Music Hall, the home of the internationally renowned Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Cincinnati Opera, is also one of the best examples of High Victorian Gothic style architecture, and provides the perfect canvas for the full BLINK treatment.

“BLINK is grounded in the pursuit of an idyllic “Future City.” This concept was birthed in our founding manifesto dating back to 2016,” said Andrew Salzbrun, Managing Partner at creative studio AGAR and one of BLINK’s original co-founders. “We wanted to show the best of our city and all of its potential through the lens of art, technology and creativity. We also want to infuse our region with world-class creatives who bring ideas and inspiration from outside our community. Our goal is to continually encourage our region to aspire for more, while advancing our local communities. We want the community to not only embrace this idea but contribute to it. We look forward to reviving that feeling at BLINK this year – along with introducing people to new and different ideas at the forefront of innovation in this space.”

BLINK 2022 drew a record-breaking 2.1 million attendees, generating \$126 million economic impact for the Cincy region. It also created an ongoing connection among artists, the community, Cincinnati’s rich arts legacy and current arts scene.

“ArtsWave has been a guiding force for local arts and artists for almost 100 years, and our partnership with BLINK brings Cincinnati’s historic and vibrant creative scene through the present and into the future,” says Alecia Kintner, President and CEO of ArtsWave. “BLINK is illuminated by ArtsWave, and more importantly, the Cincinnati region is illuminated by BLINK.”

BLINK is for the people, by the artists. Over the next four months, all BLINK artists will be working to create their installations, community organizations will be collaborating to support the event and hopeful parade participants will be applying for their place in the opening ceremony celebrations. Stay tuned to BLINK social media platforms and website for announcements about participating artists, special events, and the full BLINK 2024 program. To apply to be part of the parade, visit: <https://www.blinkcincinnati.com/about/blink-parade>.

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About BLINK®

BLINK, Illuminated by ArtsWave, is an unforgettable four-day, 30-city block, outdoor art experience that unites street art, mural works, projection mapping, and light-based installations. A biennial event, BLINK attracts over 2 million people to the Cincinnati region as it showcases works from hundreds of prominent local, national and international artists.

Not only does the event speak to the dynamic evolution of the Cincinnati art community, it calls upon the city’s deep roots in supporting the arts. BLINK is illuminated by ArtsWave, the first and largest community campaign in the nation and the primary way that Cincinnati funds its arts. When tens of thousands of people and hundreds of companies give to ArtsWave, they support 150 cultural organizations and projects each year like BLINK that make our region vibrant. Donations to BLINK and other arts projects and organizations can be made at artswave.org/give.

BLINK’s Executive Partners include the Cincinnati Regional Chamber, AGAR, and the Haile Foundation, and the event is curated and produced in conjunction with partners Cincy Nice and Ish to provide opportunities for regional artists and inspire our region with global creators, all in the pursuit of our Region’s future.

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