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ArtsWave to Host Free, Outdoor Concert This Weekend at Fernbank Park

CINCINNATI (September 21, 2021) – ArtsWave, the region's engine for the arts, announces an afternoon of free, live music Saturday, September 25, from 1 to 5 p.m., at Great Parks of Hamilton County's Fernbank Park (50 Thornton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH), as part of its free monthly outdoor concert series, Enjoy the Arts @ Parks, presented by Macy's.

Fernbank Park on Cincinnati's West Side will delight the smallest of all in the audience with a day geared toward children of all ages. The touring Madcap Puppets start the day with an interactive, engaging musical adventure featuring a meet-and-greet with the puppets and puppeteers. Next, transport the family to India through dance and with the Cultural Centre of India. Dance stays at the forefront as Revolution Dance Theatre, Cincinnati's African American dance company, takes the stage. Finally, the story of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. comes to life through the "Martin's Dream," a one-man show from The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati.

Enjoy the Arts @ Parks Series, presented by Macy's, is a new, eight-month series programmed during ArtsWave's 2021 Campaign to fund the arts. Each event features performances from a diverse set of arts organizations and independent artists. ArtsWave created the series through partnerships with Great Parks of Hamilton County, the City of Covington (Devou Parks) and Boone County Parks (Boone Woods). The Fernbank Park concert marks the fifth of six that will be performed at various Great Parks of Hamilton County locations across the region.

New donors to ArtsWave and those increasing their last gift by 10%+ can receive a free Great Parks of Hamilton County Motor Vehicle Permit, which allows free parking at all Great Parks throughout 2021, as well as other benefits.

Macy's has sponsored ArtsWave's Campaign event activities for more than 15 years. Their support has enabled ArtsWave to engage residents across the region in the arts during the time of year when the community comes together to keep those arts funded. That engagement is critical for ArtsWave, which is the largest community arts fund in the nation. It takes tens of thousands of donations from individuals and support from hundreds of companies and organizations to make the ArtsWave Campaign successful. Funds from the 2021 Campaign will support 100+ projects and organizations throughout the 15 counties that make up the Cincinnati Region.

Concerts are free and details on performances, dates and times can be found at artswave.org/parks. Donations to the arts can be made at artswave.org/give.

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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. ArtsWave raised \$11 million for the arts in 2021, despite the difficult 18-month health and economic crisis that has affected the entire region. Donations can be made at artswave.org/give.

About Great Parks of Hamilton County:

A valid Motor Vehicle Permit is required to enter the parks. Cost for residents of Hamilton County: \$10 annual/\$5 daily; other visitors: \$16 annual/\$8 daily. Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Fernbank Park are cooperative ventures with the City of Cincinnati; a Motor Vehicle Permit is not required. A Motor Vehicle Permit is not required at Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit.

Great Parks of Hamilton County's mission is to preserve and protect natural resources and to provide outdoor recreation and education in order to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations. For additional information, visit greatparks.org or call 513-521-7275. Great Parks Forever, the philanthropic partner of Great Parks of Hamilton County, translates an early conservation promise into everyday experiences and lasting legacies. For additional information, please visit GreatParksForever.org.