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We are approaching the half-way point of the 2025 Campaign, and we've reached the time of year when we come together to celebrate women and the arts.

Thank you to **391 Roundtable members** who have already made their gift to ArtsWave! Support from Roundtable members provides essential funding to the arts sector and is invested in nearly every neighborhood across the Cincinnati region, supporting the arts near you to create a vibrant economy and connected community.

From festivals like BLINK to 48 impactful arts organizations like the Cincinnati Art Museum, Visionaries + Voices and the Cincinnati Youth Choir, to neighborhood projects through dozens of organizations throughout the region, your gift makes a huge impact!

We've had a strong start and look forward to more events and ways to connect with each other through the arts!

In this newsletter:

- Get the facts (and the big ideas) about the 2025 Campaign so far.
- Relive the love from our Galentine's Day celebration.
- See what's next for Roundtable members, including the 2025 Women's Leadership Symposium!



Let's Discover Together

The 2025 ArtsWave Campaign kicked off last month, with TriVersity CEO **Mel Gravely** as its Chair. Mel is a longtime supporter of ArtsWave and co-founded the Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts 10 years ago. Take a look at his remarks at the Campaign kickoff celebration:



The goal of this year's Campaign is to keep up the momentum from last year's record-breaking \$12.5 million success. Your gift is a crucial part of the equation. We are well on our way to achieving our goal of having 550 Roundtable members, but we need your support! As of today, **391 women have joined or renewed their membership.** Make sure your name is on that list by contributing to your workplace giving campaign or making a gift at the link below!

Give Today



A Galentine Glow

Last month, we celebrated Galentine's Day at the Kroger headquarters, finding inspiration in special guests from BLINK®. BLINK's executive director, Justin Brookhart, kicked things off by introducing two women who participated as artists at the iconic event.

Alicia Blum of [Kemper Sauce Studios](#) spoke on her work with the creative team behind several BLINK projects, including ["Serenade of Light,"](#) the interactive installation in Washington Park that was inspired by wind chimes. Alicia and her team installed one of the interactive chimes at Kroger so that everyone present could experience it for themselves.



Kemper Sauce Studios is a Cincinnati based engineering and arts collective with an inventive spirit. Alicia Blum is an Electrical Engineer who designs lighting and power systems for sites and buildings. Her framework expands into project coordination and construction management, and collaborating on large scale projects fuels her passion for impactful design.



[Asha Ama Bias-Daniels](#), the creative mind behind "[Who Do You Say That I Am,](#)" shared how she developed BLINK's first ever runway show. The veteran fashion designer and artist has created pieces for influential figures, including Zendaya and Little Big Town, and has appeared on "Project Runway."

Asha Ama's upcoming projects include an original design for the premiere of Rena Butler's "Sheep's Gothic" at the Joyce Theater in New York, as well as The Dragonfly Grand Gala at Music Hall on April 26. Follow her on Instagram: [@ASHA AMA.](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special Galentine's gathering. You can find photos from the event below!



[See Photos](#)



Coming Up Next

April 23 | ArtsWave Hour: Northern Kentucky Placemaking

8-9:30 a.m.

The Metropolitan Club in Covington

Learn about the new creative placemaking and partnership in Northern Kentucky with support from ArtsWave.

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April 28 | Annual Women's Leadership Symposium

5-7:30 p.m.

The Mercantile Library

Join us at the newly renovated **Mercantile Library** as we discover the intersection of dance and poetry with the Cincinnati Ballet, featuring :

- Mercantile Book Advisor **Hillary Copsey**
- Cincinnati Ballet guest choreographer **Annabelle Lopez Ochoa**
- 2022-24 Cincinnati Poet Laureate [Yalie Saweda Kamara](#)

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May 1 | [Director's Vision: No Boundaries](#) with the Roundtable

7:30 p.m.

The Aronoff Center for the Arts

After the symposium and hearing from Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, we know you will want to see her work on stage! Cincinnati Ballet invites Roundtable members to enjoy a performance of [Director's Vision: No Boundaries](#), which includes a regional premiere of "**Delmira.**"

To get **50%-off* tickets**, use the code **LIBRARY50**. Roundtable Steering Committee members plan to attend the **May 1** performance. Choose this date if you would like to join us and meet up prior to the show!

Get Tickets

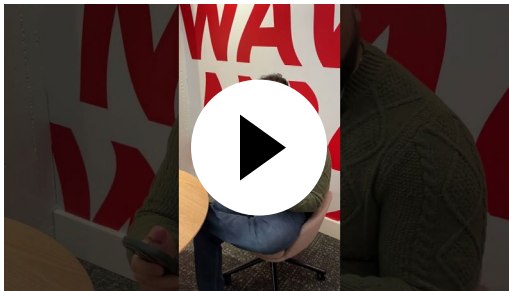
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May 20 | 2025 ArtsWave Campaign Finale

Details coming soon!

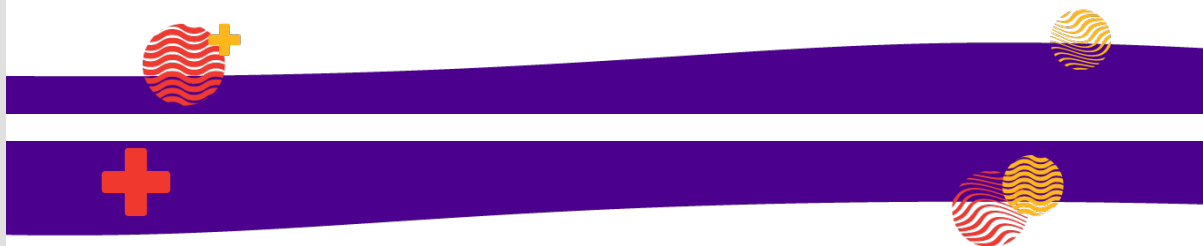


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Get the App



Keep in touch

We recommend that you use a personal email address and not a work email to receive Roundtable communications. If you would like to update your preferred email address, contact erika.cordova@artswave.org.

We invite you to join the ArtsWave [Women's Leadership Roundtable Facebook page](#) and encourage you to share arts events, articles and pictures. We use this page to connect with each other more often, both at our arts events and around our communities.

We also hope you stay connected with ArtsWave on our primary [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts.

If you have not renewed your membership, or know someone who would like to

join, please contact lisa.wolter@artswave.org for more information.

**On behalf of the Women's Leadership Roundtable Steering Committee,
thank you for your support!**

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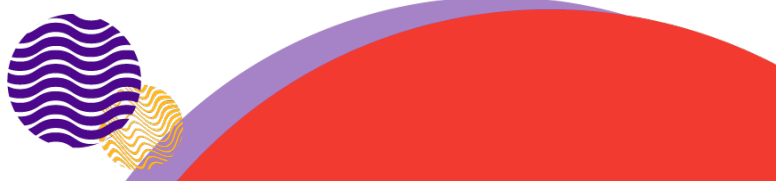
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