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ArtsWave, Cincy Shirts and Local Arts Organizations Launch Limited-Edition “Arts Shirt Week”

Free community kickoff event at The Acres celebrates collaboration and supports the 2026 ArtsWave Community Campaign

CINCINNATI — April 6, 2026 — As the 2026 ArtsWave Community Campaign continues across the region, ArtsWave is partnering with Cincy Shirts and a coalition of local arts organizations to launch “Cincy Arts Shirt Week,” a limited-time initiative that brings the region’s arts together through custom-designed apparel.

The initiative will kick off with a free public event on April 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Acres, 9941 Reading Road, where community members can play mini golf at no cost while experiencing a one-of-a-kind showcase of 20 ArtsWave-funded organizations from across the region.

Each hole on the course will feature a different participating arts organization, with representatives modeling custom-designed T-shirts created by Cincy Shirts, which will also be available for purchase. Guests who score a hole-in-one at select holes will receive prizes from The Acres or participating organizations.

“This is a clear example of what makes the Cincinnati region’s arts so strong,” said Ryan Strand, Vice President of Marketing & Communications at ArtsWave. “These organizations are connected through ArtsWave, and they show up for each other. This initiative brings that collaboration to life in a way people can see and take with them.”

ArtsWave supports more than 150 organizations, projects and artists each year, made possible by tens of thousands of individual gifts to the annual campaign. That shared investment helps make sure the arts remain within reach for everyone while strengthening the region's economy and sense of community.

That community connection extends beyond the event through the shirts themselves.

"Cincy Shirts has always been about showcasing what makes Cincinnati, Cincinnati," said Josh Sneed, co-owner of Cincy Shirts. "The arts are a huge part of that. This was a natural way to support the organizations that make the region so creative, while offering people something they can wear to show that."

All shirts are available for a limited time only, with a portion of proceeds benefiting ArtsWave and the participating organizations as part of the ongoing ArtsWave Community Campaign.

Timed with the start of warmer weather, "Cincy Arts Shirt Week" offers a new way for the community to engage with and support the arts.

The shirts will be available in Cincy Shirts stores in Loveland and Fort Mitchell and on their website at cincyshirts.com/pages/artswave.

Participating Organizations:

ArtsConnect Springfield Township

MUSE

Contemporary Arts Center

Cincinnati Art Museum

Summermusik

smART4arts (shared services cohort of multiple arts organizations)

My Nose Turns Reds Youth Circus

Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati

Clifton Cultural Arts Center

Kennedy Heights Arts Center

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park

Know Theatre of Cincinnati

Pones Dance

Fitton Center for Creative Arts

Behringer-Crawford Museum

American Legacy Theatre

Taft Museum of Art

Cincinnati Opera Association

Cincinnati Youth Choir

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About ArtsWave

ArtsWave fuels the Cincinnati region's arts, supporting 150+ organizations, projects and artists each year. Since 1927, it has been the primary way the region funds the arts, raising millions annually from tens of thousands of individuals, businesses and foundations to drive a more vibrant economy and connected community. Through the Blueprint for Collective Action, ArtsWave strategically makes investments that maximize the arts' impact across the region. To learn more and give to the 2026 community campaign, visit artswave.org.

About Cincy Shirts

Cincy Shirts was created with a simple philosophy; honor the history of Cincinnati while continuing to grow its rich tradition.

Now, Cincy Shirts is the premiere vintage T-shirt brand in Cincinnati. Our goal is to offer anything and everything that is Cincinnati. We want to keep Cincinnati's rich culture alive and help spread the word about what an awesome place this is by showcasing its past as well as partnering with the local businesses that also shape this great city.

From fashion and toddler tees, to V-necks and hoodies, Cincy Shirts offers designs on a variety of high-quality apparel. We print to order so there are multiple combinations available for each design.

In 2014, we opened our first Cincy Shirts retail shop at 1435 Main St. in the OTR neighborhood immediately north of downtown Cincinnati. In April of 2018, we moved down the street to our current location, 1301 Main Street. We opened our second location in November of 2016 in Hyde Park at 2709 Observatory Ave. Then, in the summer of 2018, we opened our third location right in the heart of downtown Loveland at 295 W. Loveland Avenue. Loveland. In 2022, we opened our 1st Kentucky location in Ft. Mitchell.