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## THE POWER OF THE ARTS IS IN OUR HANDS

There is power in the arts — power to change, connect, communicate and inspire. That potential starts with us. One + one equals so much more. Investing in the arts means investing in community to build a future of powerful experiences.



**Terry L. Horan**  
2021 ArtsWave Campaign Chair  
President & CEO, HORAN  
Photo provided

**I'm tremendously grateful to the thousands of contributors to the 2021 ArtsWave Campaign.** Thanks to you, we reached our goal of \$11 million — despite working in an almost entirely virtual environment, with limited live performances to inspire us. This \$11 million represents the start of a climb back toward pre-pandemic fundraising results.

I'm especially proud of the \$250,000 that was given in response to my Chairman's Challenge for Arts Innovation. Thank you to the donors who heeded my call. I wanted to ensure that we, as a community, were amassing enough resources to help sustain the resiliency and ingenuity of arts organizations after unprecedented losses. The Chairman's Challenge was matched many times over by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, both of which dedicated dollars from the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan for arts organizations and artists, with ArtsWave as their partner.

Finally, thank you to the many business and civic leaders who understand that ArtsWave is the way that Cincinnati funds the arts. Your ongoing investment is essential. The arts are something special here, and it's up to all of us to remain steadfast in our support.



**James Zimmerman**  
ArtsWave Board Chair  
Partner-in-Charge, Cincinnati  
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**The ongoing pandemic didn't stop Cincinnati's arts from creating highly impactful experiences** — virtually, outdoors, over TV and radio, and even from the backs of pick-up trucks and trailers.

ArtsWave was glad to be in a position to help. Not only did we keep grants to cultural organizations steady, despite drops in fundraising due to COVID, but ArtsWave also led advocacy efforts that helped secure government relief and programmatic dollars for the first time. My thanks to elected officials at the City and County, and their staff members, for recognizing that the arts are a critically important driver of vibrancy across neighborhoods.

In April, ArtsWave's Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan for 2021-2025, called "Retooling the Playbook as a Leading Engine for the Arts." The plan puts ArtsWave squarely at the center of an outcomes-focused arts sector and an arts-engaged community. It aims to increase arts resources; advance diversity, equity and inclusion; and expand access to arts experiences for more Cincinnatians.

With continued ingenuity, collaboration and investment, we will realize our vision of a region rising through the impact of the arts.



**255**  
**Artists supported**



**269**  
**Projects & Organizations supported**



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There's an old adage that the things we miss most are the things we cannot have. Over the last 18 months, so many of us have a new appreciation for just how much the arts enrich our daily lives. As we've figured out virtual meetings and dinners six feet apart, we've also gratefully welcomed the sounds of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra streaming into our kitchens, and the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park broadcasting over the WVXU/CPR airwaves. We've gathered outdoors at Summit Park to once again experience the Cincinnati Opera and we've met up at Findlay Market to create cathartic chalk drawings. We've hiked the new Cincinnati Art Museum Art Climb and we've explored the outdoor sculptures at Pyramid Hill in Hamilton. We've cheered on

the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra at drive-in movie theaters and we've sung along with our computer monitors.

We've appreciated the joy of the arts in entirely new ways.

The last year has been very personal for all of us. And yet, the importance of sustaining our collective community and humanity has never been more profound. A majority of Americans believe that the arts are a common connector — we agree upon this more than just about anything else. Let's leverage this point of agreement to heal and make meaningful progress and change. With the phenomenal leaders of our cultural institutions, ArtsWave is leading one of the most impactful, collaborative and inclusive arts sectors in the nation. **With your continued help, the power of the arts is in our hands.**

*Alecia*

**Alecia Kintner**  
**President & CEO**  
**ArtsWave**



**Tim Steigerwald**  
 2022 ArtsWave Campaign Chair  
 President & CEO, Messer Construction  
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“Cincinnati can be proud of how it supported the arts through a difficult time. I look forward to continue building that pride in the year ahead. With your help, the 2022 ArtsWave Campaign will be another great success.”



# The Engine for the Arts



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Photo credit: Stephen Easley



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**When the lights went down on the arts, we all realized how much they contribute to our quality of life and connection to community.**

At the same time, the arts illuminate paths forward to create a more vibrant region. ArtsWave and our arts partners are welcoming the public back to live arts and rebuilding from the devastating financial losses of the global pandemic.

Your gifts have been critical to rebuilding the arts sector. Ticket buyers and donors have vital roles to play in the restart of the arts, so the Cincinnati region's uniquely collaborative arts sector is launching a promotional campaign, sponsored by P&G and Cincinnati Bell, welcoming audiences back to live arts.

The new marketing campaign, **BRING YOU**, is about getting the community out to the arts. That starts with YOU! Bring your enthusiasm to the ArtsWave Campaign. Bring your friends to the concert. Bring your gaze to the gallery. Bring your heart to Cincy. Experience the resurgence of in-person, local arts however you want — just make sure to **BRING YOU**.



Photo credit: AJ Waltz



# Retooling the Playbook as a Leading Engine for the Arts

In 2021, ArtsWave revealed a **new five-year strategic plan**, alongside a refreshed vision and mission to serve as guiding principles. The plan covers the period from 2021-2025, which represents the second half of ArtsWave's ten-year Blueprint for Collective Action strategy for community investment.



## Vision:

The Cincinnati region rises with the impact of the arts.

## Mission:

With funding, services and advocacy, ArtsWave fuels a more vibrant regional economy and connected community through the arts.

## Thanks to ArtsWave donors, the Cincinnati region’s arts organizations are well-positioned to resume their impact after months of pandemic-related losses.

Over the last year, more than 100 organizations received support to advance ArtsWave’s Blueprint for Collective Action and bolster their resilience despite continued disruption. In 2021, ArtsWave’s \$11 million campaign invigorated our cultural landscape through these grant programs:



Young Professionals Choral Collective performs on the Purple People Bridge  
Photo provided by YPCC



Since 2015, the Blueprint has helped YPCC grow from a small startup with a handful of singers to an established organization with professional procedures and programs that drive impact in our community.



**Danielle Cozart Steele**  
*Artistic Director*  
*Young Professionals Choral Collective*

## Steady Support

### 41 Sustaining Impact/Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund Grants

*Unrestricted operating support awarded in three-year cycles, with grant amount tied to budget size and related community impact.*

*This year concludes the current cycle, representing nearly \$25 million invested in these powerhouse arts groups since 2018.*

### \$1 Million+ Operating Budget

- ArtWorks
- The Carnegie
- The Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati
- Cincinnati Art Museum
- Cincinnati Ballet
- Cincinnati Landmark Productions
- Cincinnati May Festival
- Cincinnati Opera
- Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park
- Cincinnati Shakespeare Company
- Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
- Contemporary Arts Center
- Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati
- Fitton Center for Creative Arts
- Taft Museum of Art

### \$300,000 to \$1 Million Operating Budget

- Behringer-Crawford Museum
- Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre
- Cincinnati Boychoir
- Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra
- Cincinnati Youth Choir
- Clifton Cultural Arts Center
- Elementz
- Kennedy Heights Arts Center
- Kentucky Symphony Orchestra
- Know Theatre of Cincinnati
- Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center
- Oxford Community Arts Center
- Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum
- Visionaries + Voices
- Wyoming Fine Arts Center

**<\$300,000  
Operating Budget**

- ArtsConnect
- concert:nova
- Learning Through Art
- Linton Chamber Music
- MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir
- Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Center
- My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus
- NrityArpana
- Pones
- Vocal Arts Ensemble
- Young Professionals Choral Collective

Preston Bell Charles III plays violin on Freedom Way at The Banks as part of the Street Stage Project  
Photo credit: Mikiyah Johnson



**Support for Artist Commissions**

**27 Truth and Reconciliation Project Grants**

*New program in 2020 to underwrite the work of local Black and Brown artists in all disciplines, made possible by the City of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Duke Energy, Fifth Third Bank, Greater Cincinnati Foundation and ArtsWave's Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund.*

- Darnell Pierre Benjamin
- Brent Billingsley
- Preston Bell Charles III
- David Choate
- Michael Coppage
- Erin Fung
- Brandon Hawkins
- Gee Horton
- Desirae Hosley
- Deqah Hussein-Wetzel
- Siri Imani

- Prince Lang
- Anupa Mirle
- Lorena Molina
- Adebola Olowe
- Tyra Patterson
- phrie
- Awadagin Pratt
- Juan Gabriel Martinez Rubio
- Annie Ruth
- Gauravi Shah
- Don Sherman
- K.A. Simpson
- Derek J. Snow
- Rebecca Nava Soto
- TT Stern-Enzi
- Kathy Wade

**Capacity-Building Support**

**11 The Circle Grants**

*Strengthened organizations led by or predominantly serving Black Cincinnatians, funded in part by ArtsWave's Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts.*

- Black Art Speaks
- Elementz
- Hear Us, Hear Them Ensemble
- It's Commonly Jazz
- Jazz Alive
- Juneteenth Cincinnati
- Music Resource Center—Cincinnati
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- PAR-Projects
- Revolution Dance Theatre
- Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center



Cincinnati Shakespeare Company participates in the ArtsWave Challenge during the 2021 Campaign

**Nowhere else in America does a collaborative arts ecosystem exist as it does in Cincinnati, thanks to the provision of ArtsWave**

**Brian Isaac Phillips**  
Producing Artistic Director  
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

Cincinnati Opera kicks off their 101st season with Opera in the Park  
Photo credit: Phillip Groshong





# Catalytic Support

## 68 Catalyzing Impact Grants

*One-time project grants awarded to organizations using the arts to build a more vibrant regional economy and more connected community.*

- 4-Way Quartet
- A Mindful Moment/The Well
- Academy of Cinematic Arts
- American Legacy Theatre
- Art Academy of Cincinnati
- Art of the Piano
- Art on the Streets
- ARTE: Art Reconciliation  
Truth & Empowerment
- ArtScape Lebanon
- Artsville Corp
- Band in a Bus
- BasketShop
- The Ben Carlson-Berne  
Scholarship Fund
- The Catalytic Fund of  
Northern Kentucky
- The Center for Great  
Neighborhoods
- Chase Elementary-Cincinnati  
Public Schools
- Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia  
de Nuestro Salvador
- Cindependent Film Festival
- Cincinnati Fusion Ensemble
- Cincinnati Museum Center
- Cincinnati Music &  
Wellness Coalition
- Cincinnati Nature Center
- Cincinnati Parks Foundation
- Cincinnati Skirball Museum of  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish  
Institute of Religion
- Cincinnati Song Initiative
- Commonwealth Artists
- Student Theatre

- Community Happens Here, Inc.
- Music at the Market/Corporation  
for Findlay Market
- Corryville Suzuki Project
- Covington Partners
- Creative Aging Cincinnati
- Dearborn Highlands Arts Council
- Downtown Middletown
- Educational Theatre Association
- Episcopal Retirement Services  
Affordable Living
- Fourthwall Studios
- Film Cincinnati
- i.imagine
- ish Festival
- It's Commonly Jazz
- Jazz Alive
- Jazz Vivace
- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful
- KnowledgeWorks
- Make Music Cincinnati
- Memorial Hall
- National Underground Railroad  
Freedom Center
- Northern Kentucky University  
Scripps Howard Center for  
Civic Engagement
- Northern Row Park
- O'Keefe Music Foundation
- Over-the-Rhine  
Community Housing
- Over-the-Rhine International  
Film Festival
- Over-the-Rhine Museum
- Paloozanoire's Black and  
Brown Faces
- Price Hill Arts Connection
- Price Hill Will
- Queen City Cabaret
- Revolution Dance Theatre
- SCPA Fund
- Slavic Voices
- Southbank Partners

- Sunset Players/Arts Center  
at Dunham
- University of Cincinnati  
College-Conservatory of Music
- Vulcan's Forge Performing  
Arts Collaborative
- Walterhoope
- Wave Pool
- Westwood Works
- WordPlay Cincy

**In 2021, one of the region's oldest and largest cultural institutions, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, became the first symphony orchestra in America to hire a chief diversity officer, who will focus on building a more diverse, inclusive and welcoming experience for all audience members and staff.**



Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's first Chief Diversity Officer, Harold Brown  
Photo credit: Peggy Joseph

**This has certainly been a rough year. We truly are grateful for all ArtsWave is doing for the arts in our region.**

**Laurie Risch**  
*Executive Director*  
*Behringer-Crawford Museum*



Photographer Malcolm Wilson with musicians in the documentary "Here I Am," produced in partnership by the Behringer-Crawford Museum and FotoFocus

## Catalytic Support, Continued

### 7 ArtsWave YP Grants

*One-time project grants awarded to organizations engaging young professionals in the arts, funded in part by ArtsWave YP donors.*

Action Tank  
Cincinnati Memorial Hall Society  
Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park  
Contemporary Arts Center  
ish Festival  
Revolution Dance Theatre  
Young Professionals Choral Collective

### 4 ArtsWave Pride Grants

*One-time grants for arts projects designed to advance inclusion, funded in part by ArtsWave Pride donors.*

Cincinnati Men's Chorus  
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company  
Revolution Dance Theatre  
Wyoming Fine Arts Center

### 14 Strategic Partnerships and Sponsorship Grants

*One-time grants that extend ArtsWave's reach and depth of impact across the community.*

Cincinnati Arts Association  
Cincinnati Museum Center  
Cincinnati Public Radio  
Cincy Nice  
CMF Outdoor Museum  
Friends of Music Hall  
Gallery at Gumbo  
Greater Cincinnati Native American Coalition  
King Legacy Celebration (National Underground Railroad Freedom Center)  
Paloozanoi's Juneteenth Block Party  
PhotographERS A Womens' Collective  
Robert O'Neal Multicultural Art Center  
The SCPA Fund  
The Street Stage Project



Cincinnati Boychoir performs at the Seasongood Pavilion in Eden Park  
Photo credit: Lucie MacDonald



**Cincinnati Boychoir's Cultural Curriculum takes participants on a deep dive into a multi-year study of a particular geography, ethnic group or historical period.**

## Special Thanks to Performers

**Enjoy the Arts @ Parks presented by Macy's**  
**ArtsWave Presents @ CVG**  
**ArtsWave Artist @ Your Meeting**

Bacchanal Steel Band  
Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre  
Cardinal String Quartet  
Ernaisha Curry  
Preston Bell Charles III  
Chris Comer Trio  
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company  
Cincy Brass  
Devou Doo Daddies (Kentucky Symphony Orchestra)  
Erin Fung  
Hannah Gregory

Laila Hameen  
Just Vince and the Fellas  
Justin McCombs  
Jeaunita Ifewandé Château  
Weathersby Olówè  
MoPoetry Phillips  
Queen City Opera  
The Redemption Brothers  
Ricky Williams Trio  
Satin Smooth Project  
Kelcey Steele  
Zack Steele  
Taifa  
Presius Tajah

# Pandemic Relief Support in Partnership with Local Government and Friends

In Fiscal Year 2021, ArtsWave was designated as the Local Arts Service Agency of both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Working in partnership to distribute unprecedented government funding, ArtsWave was able to further support the region's arts sector with federal government dollars. In total, ArtsWave recommended or distributed nearly \$8,000,000 in pandemic relief funding, including nearly \$300,000 in relief funding to individual artists, made possible by the City of Cincinnati, the Kent and Martha Savage Family Charitable Fund and generous donors.



## 64 Hamilton County CARES for Arts

*One-time emergency relief grants directed to arts organizations located in Hamilton County made possible by the 2020 CARES Act.*

Afrakan Artist Alliance  
 American Sign Museum  
 Art of the Piano  
 ArtsConnect  
 ArtWorks  
 Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theatre  
 The Carnegie Center of Columbia Tusculum  
 The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati  
 Cindependent Film Festival  
 Cincinnati Art Museum  
 Cincinnati Arts Association  
 Cincinnati Ballet  
 Cincinnati Black Theatre Company  
 Cincinnati Boychoir  
 Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra  
 Cincinnati Choral Society  
 Cincinnati Landmark Productions  
 Cincinnati May Festival  
 Cincinnati Men's Chorus  
 Cincinnati Museum Center  
 Cincinnati Music Accelerator  
 Cincinnati Opera Association  
 Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park  
 Cincinnati Shakespeare Company  
 Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra  
 Cincinnati Youth Choir  
 Clifton Cultural Arts Center  
 Contemporary Arts Center

Contemporary Dance Theater  
 Creative Aging Cincinnati  
 Educational Theatre Association  
 Elementz  
 Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati  
 Eye of the Artists Foundation  
 Film Cincinnati  
 Holocaust and Humanity Center  
 Irish Heritage Center Charitable Foundation Inc.  
 Jazz Alive, Inc.  
 Kennedy Heights Arts Center  
 Know Theatre of Cincinnati  
 Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center  
 Melodic Connections  
 Memorial Hall  
 MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir  
 Music and Event Management, Inc.  
 Music Hall Revitalization Company  
 Music Resource Center—Cincinnati  
 Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Center  
 National Underground Railroad Freedom Center  
 PAR-Projects  
 Price Hill Will  
 Queen City Opera  
 Revolution Dance Theatre  
 SCPA Fund  
 Sharonville Fine Arts Council Inc.  
 Stop The Stigma Productions  
 The Sunset Players Inc./Arts Center at Dunham

Taft Museum of Art  
 Visionaries and Voices  
 Vocal Arts Ensemble of Cincinnati  
 Wave Pool  
 WordPlay Cincy  
 Wyoming Fine Arts Center  
 Young Professionals Choral Collective



**The nonprofit arts sector in the Cincinnati region creates \$300 million**

**in annual economic impact through jobs, direct spending and audience spending on dining, lodging, parking and more.**



Erika Kate MacDonald and Paul Strickland in "Away, Now," part of the 2021 Cincinnati Fringe Festival, produced by Know Theatre of Cincinnati  
Photo credit: Jeff Burkle



## 9 Regional Arts and Cultural Organizations Relief

One-time emergency relief grants directed to arts organizations located in the Cincinnati region but outside of Hamilton County, made possible by Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund donors.

- Behringer-Crawford Museum
- The Carnegie
- Fitton Center for Creative Arts
- Kentucky Symphony Orchestra
- My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus
- NrityArpana
- Oxford Community Arts Center
- Pones
- Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum



I especially appreciate ArtsWave's recognition that the Cincinnati arts scene is enriched by the art-making that happens over here in Northern Kentucky! In this bizarre and difficult time, it is really nice to feel acknowledged and supported.

Erika Kate MacDonald  
Actor and Co-Founder,  
Theatre Mobile  
2021 Artist Relief Recipient



Photo credit: Mutual Dance Theatre



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This is amazing. You have NO idea how much this will help me. I am incredibly grateful for this!

Claire Dieringer  
Dancer, Mutual Dance Company  
2021 Artist Relief Recipient



Jimmy Ruehlman performs in Over-the-Rhine as part of The Street Stage Project, powered by ArtsWave and produced by the Cincinnati Music Accelerator and 3CDC.  
Photo provided by The Street Stage Project

## For many years, ArtsWave has been working with local organizations to make inclusion a hallmark of the Cincinnati region's arts.

ArtsWave has steadily increased direct funding for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) arts and artists, topping \$1 million in the last year. This work is part of ArtsWave's "Lifting as We Learn" diversity, equity, inclusion and access (DEIA) commitment.

### The goals of "Lifting as We Learn"

- +** Investing in organizations that share a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and access.
- +** Increasing resources for arts organizations led by people of color.
- +** Creating a culture where everyone is empowered to bring their authentic self to work.
- +** Promoting the voices of all artists in our community.
- +** Recruiting staff, board members, volunteers, and vendors that represent our entire community.
- +** Building audiences for the arts that reflect the region we serve.



A crowd celebrates at Paloozanoire's annual In the Streets on Juneteenth block party  
Photo provided by Paloozanoire



Artists at the opening of Cincinnati Art Museum's "Black & Brown Faces" exhibition  
Photo credit: Rooted Creative / Paloozanoire

### Over the last two years, ArtsWave backed up the commitment with concrete action:

- Creating a new grants program that **supported 28 organizations led by or predominantly serving African Americans** in its first two years.
- Launching a **commissioning program that enabled 27 Black and Brown artists** to create works on the theme of "Truth and Reconciliation."
- **Jumpstarting the "Black & Brown Faces" exhibition** at Cincinnati Art Museum.
- **Partnering with the Cincinnati Music Festival to create an Outdoor Museum** in 2020 and 2021 to showcase local artists of color.
- **Funding artist fees for two seminal murals**, the "Black Lives Matter!" mural in downtown Cincinnati and "Black Excellence in Zone 15," the first-ever public art installation in historic Lincoln Heights.



The ribbon cutting for the Truth and Reconciliation Artist Showcase at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center  
Photo credit: Rene Micheo

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Terry Horan speaking at the City of Cincinnati’s announcement of recovery funding for the arts, at the direction of Mayor John Cranley (behind Mr. Horan) and City Council members





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Revolution Dance Theatre leads an interactive performance at "Join the Movement" in Price Hill Will's newly renovated ARCO venue



## Arts4Wellness

With needed pauses in live, indoor events during the pandemic, ArtsWave introduced Arts4Wellness as an added benefit for ArtsWave Pass members in 2021. This series offers creative events each month to keep us healthy and hopeful throughout 2021.



Carolyn Wallace of It's Commonly Jazz, An Artful Table and The Perfect Brew at Findlay Market filming "Jazzed About Healthy Cooking," sponsored by Mercy Health



Yoga at FC Cincinnati's TQL Stadium



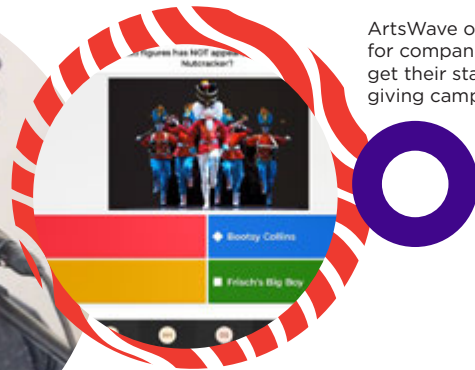
**Studies show that integrating the arts into treatment plans can improve overall health outcomes. Every healthcare system in the Cincinnati region incorporates the arts in some way!**

**We've been inspired by the innovative ways that our partner companies and foundations found to run virtual workplace giving campaigns, engaging their employees, despite rarely meeting face-to-face. We are grateful.**

From livestreamed performances to trivia, companies and organizations used their ArtsWave campaigns to keep their teams connected beyond simple Zoom meetings.



Aprina Johnson performs at the ArtsWave Café, part of P&G's virtual workplace giving campaign



ArtsWave offered virtual arts trivia for companies looking for ways to get their staff engaged in workplace giving campaigns



Ernaisha Curry performing in one of the many custom videos she created for special events and workplace campaigns through ArtsWave Artist @ Your Meeting

# 2021 Recognition List

## Partner Companies and Foundations

**Bold indicates 40% or greater employee participation**

- \$2,000,000+**  
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- \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999**  
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- \$500,000 to \$999,999**  
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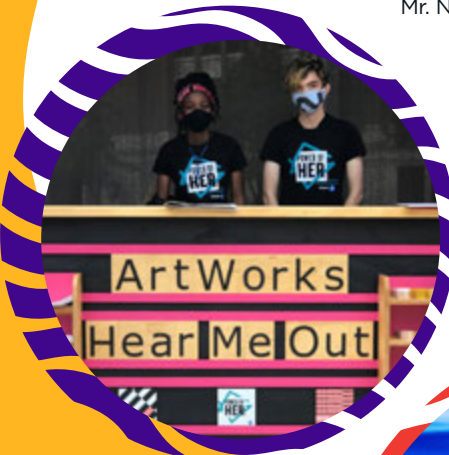
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Screenshot from the virtual wine tasting and choral event for Women’s Leadership Roundtable members led by Kathy Merchant, sommelier and fellow Roundtable member



As new empty nesters, we recently downsized to downtown Cincinnati. My association and participation with the ArtsWave Women’s Leadership Roundtable has been the perfect conduit for connecting with and supporting my new community.

**Natalie Collier**  
 Director of Manufacturing  
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Women’s Leadership Roundtable members Natalie Collier and Martha Sarra at the Andrew J Brady ICON Music Center  
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# arts wave Pride Ambassadors

ArtsWave Pride Ambassadors make an additional gift to help fund a grants pool that supports LGBTQIA+ programming.

## 2021 ArtsWave Pride Ambassadors

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Cincinnati Men's Chorus performs in "Big Gay Broadway," their 2021 Pride concert

Without the opportunity to do in-person concerts... the grant that we received from ArtsWave Pride has gone a long way toward us being able to replace that missing earned income.

Michael Hoffman  
President  
Cincinnati Men's Chorus

BRING YOU

Revolution Dance Theatre received an ArtsWave Pride Grant for David Choate's "shOUT!" Photo provided by Revolution Dance Theatre



The Wyoming Fine Arts Center's Loving Wyoming initiative, a series of free classes and visual art exhibition showcasing LGBTQIA+ Pride, received support from an ArtsWave Pride grant





# Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts

The Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts brings together people in our community who believe that the power of the arts is bridging cultural divides. Members support ArtsWave at the leadership level.

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A panel discussion at the "Black & Brown Faces" exhibition at Cincinnati Art Museum  
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Artist Hannah Jones working at the 2021 CMF Outdoor Museum  
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“Our collective support of ArtsWave can create real opportunities for African American artists.”

**Mel Gravely**  
 Co-founder, Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts  
 CEO, Triversity Construction



Photo provided by Triversity Construction



"Children of the Corn Maze," part of Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's series of immersive performances, "Off the Grid," supported by an ArtsWave YP grant  
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Winning submission of the #ILoveTheArts Photo Contest, part of the 2021 ArtsWave Campaign Kickoff  
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# arts wave

## Young Professional Leaders

**Young Professional Leaders** are dedicated to cultivating awareness of, encouraging engagement in and promoting philanthropy for ArtsWave with the next generation of community leaders. Membership is open to Young Professionals who contribute \$500 or more to the ArtsWave Campaign.

# 2021 Young Professional Leaders

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## Campaign Special Thanks

### Our thanks to these companies, organizations and individuals for their additional support:

- **Terry Horan and the entire HORAN team** for their outstanding, innovative leadership in making the 2021 Campaign a success.
- **All the arts and culture groups** that provided venues, activities, speakers, tickets and much more to the ArtsWave Campaign.
- **Enquirer Media, Cincinnati Business Courier and Hubbard Radio** for their generous media support throughout the Campaign.
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- **Game Day Communications** for providing ongoing PR support and event help during Enjoy the Arts @ Parks and Arts4Wellness.
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- **Carriage House Neighborhood Car Wash, UDF and Columbia Township** for their partnership in creating the Halloween Wash 'n' Glow fundraiser.
- **The over 400 people who volunteered their time and talent** to raise \$11 million to support the arts in Greater Cincinnati, and to the 101 individuals on our grant review committees who spent hundreds of hours reviewing applications and making recommendations for impact-based grants throughout the region.



**Southern Methodist University's DataArts listed Greater Cincinnati as one of the top 20 "Hotbeds of America's Arts and Culture" in their annual Arts Vibrancy Index Report for the first time in 2020.**



## In Memoriam

### Susan Kellogg, 1928-2021

Susan was one of the first female computer programmers at P&G, where she worked until retiring in 1988. Sue was a subscriber to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for more than 50 years, as well as to Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. She was known to friends and family as an ardent supporter of nature and the arts. In 2014, Sue set up a trust to support ArtsWave after her passing. Her generous gift will have a far-reaching impact on our community for years to come.

### Polk Laffoon IV, 1945-2021

Polk was a brand manager at P&G before his longtime career as a Cincinnati Post reporter. After his retirement in 2006, he continued writing for Cincinnati Magazine and the Cincinnati Literary Club. Polk was a lifelong supporter of the arts, visiting galleries and museums around the world, serving on the Cincinnati Art Museum's board of trustees and chairing the Sachs Fund Prize Committee.

### Rhoda Mayerson, 1923-2021

Rhoda Mayerson's impact on the arts in Cincinnati is immeasurable. Every one of Cincinnati's major arts organizations, as well as the School for Creative and Performing Arts, has seen generous gifts from the Mayerson Family Foundation. As a patron and collector, she significantly impacted the permanent collection of the Cincinnati Art Museum. She served on numerous boards, dedicating her life in service to the arts.

### Paul Sittenfeld, 1947-2021

Paul served as chief executive the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts (now ArtsWave) from 1972 to 1986 and was mentor to former ArtsWave President & CEO, Mary McCullough-Hudson. Mary later succeeded him in the role. Though in recent years Paul was actively known for his association on the board of Ensemble Theatre, he is very much part of ArtsWave's history.

### Carl Solway, 1935-2020

When Carl Solway established his first gallery nearly 59 years ago, contemporary art from outside the U.S. was rarely seen in the region. Today, Carl is remembered for building the art dealing industry in Greater Cincinnati from the ground up as many pieces of great art in local museums came to our region through his work with collectors. Carl was honored with the Rosa F. and Samuel B. Sachs Fund Prize in 2020 to recognize his outstanding contributions to the arts in our community.

### Alice Weston, 1926-2019

Alice Weston's work as a photographer covered subjects from crystals to architecture and Native American earthworks. She and her husband endowed the Alice F. and Harris K. Weston Art Gallery at the Aronoff Center for the Arts and a contemporary gallery at the Cincinnati Art Museum. In September of 2019, hours after being honored at the ArtsWave POWER OF HER luncheon, Alice Weston passed away. She bequeathed much of her art collection to the Cincinnati Art Museum. The Westons established a trust in 2001 to benefit ArtsWave after their passing, through which their legacy of support for local arts will endure.

## Legacy Gifts

Charles P. and Anna Sinton Taft founded what is now ArtsWave in 1927 with an endowment "to further the musical and artistic education and culture of the people of Cincinnati." Since then, legacy gifts to ArtsWave have built upon that endowment to fulfill their vision for years to come.

In 1929, the will of Samuel B. Sachs established the Rosa F. and Samuel B. Sachs Fund Prize to honor outstanding accomplishments in the arts and artists who have contributed to cultural life in the Cincinnati region. ArtsWave continues that tradition, with Cincinnati Opera General Director Emerita Patty Beggs and gallerist Carl Solway as the most recent recipients.

The late Bob Allen convened lunches for arts marketing professionals in the late 1970s. He so enjoyed these gatherings that he directed a legacy gift to continue them in perpetuity through the Elise Eaton Allen Performing Arts Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

The above supporters add to the longstanding tradition of endowments and legacy gifts. Learn more at [artswave.org/legacy](https://artswave.org/legacy).



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A crowd celebrates at Paloozanoire's "In the Streets on Juneteenth" block party  
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Memorial Hall during #ILoveTheArts, the 2021 ArtsWave Campaign kickoff  
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Destiny L performs in a virtual concert for Red Light Jazz Room, produced by Lex Nycole



Matthew Umphreys performs  
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