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### **MEDIA ALERT**

#### **ArtsWave to Hold Press Conference and Ribbon Cutting Friday to Unveil Truth & Inspiration Artist Showcase**

**Who:** ArtsWave, the engine for the Cincinnati region's arts, partnering with the City of Cincinnati, Duke Energy, the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Macy's and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Orange Barrel Media.

*ArtsWave President & CEO, Alecia Kintner and Vice President, Equitable Arts Advancement, Janice Liebenberg; National Underground Railroad Freedom Center President & COO, Woody Keown; Cincinnati Mayor, Aftab Pureval; Duke Energy Ohio and Kentucky Vice President of Community; Relations and Economic Development, Rhonda Whitaker Hurtt; Greater Cincinnati Foundation Leadership; Fifth Third Bank Executive Vice President, Head of Business Banking, Chief Enterprise Corporate Responsibility Officer, Kala Gibson; Macy's Director Talent Acquisition & Employer Brand Marketing, Agnes Godwin Hall; Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Senior Director, Community Relations and Professor, Division of Behavioral Medicine and Clinical Psychology, Monica J. Mitchell; Orange Barrel Media Director, Community Engagement Currecia Gamble; Performer and Black and Brown Artist Program grantee Alan Lawson.*

**What:** Press Conference & Ribbon Cutting followed by media preview tour of new Truth and Healing Artist Showcase and interviews

*This year's Showcase is focused on the themes of healing, rebirth and reconnecting. Projects will explore and build upon the current artistic*

*commentary of health and race and connect it with historical events and visions of a more equitable future. The projects not only represent the African American experience, but also the experiences of those with Mexican, Lebanese, Somali, Argentinian, Zimbabwean, Guatemalan and Indigenous heritage. Artists collaborated with community members and other partners in their projects, so that the larger public could participate in the process of healing, including reconnection and rebirth heritage. This year's showcase features visual art — fashion design, painting and sculpture — along with video documentaries, musical composition, film and podcasts. There are also original musical compositions, theater, dance and multidisciplinary works.*

**When:** Friday, July 14 at 9 a.m. (prior to public opening), with interviews and media tours of the visual art exhibition immediately following.

**Where:** National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

**Resources:** Video of upcoming event <https://we.tl/t-uyOtVuaLX3>  
[Podcast with ArtsWave VP, Equitable Arts on Showcase](#)

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### **About ArtsWave:**

ArtsWave, the local nonprofit arts agency 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. Each year, ArtsWave raises \$11+ million from tens of thousands of donors — corporations, employees, foundations, residents and others — to support more than 150 arts organizations, projects and artists. Donations can be made at [artswave.org/give](https://artswave.org/give).