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ARTSWAVE HIRES NEW ARTS IMPACT EXECUTIVE

Cincinnati, OH – October 4, 2018 — ArtsWave, the Cincinnati region’s planner, promoter and fundraiser for the arts, welcomes Damian Hoskins as Vice President, Arts Impact, as part of an organizational strategy to drive, coordinate and measure the role of the arts in local communities. Hoskins will lead the grantmaking process made possible by donors to the ArtsWave community campaign, resulting in more than \$10,000,000 invested annually in 100+ arts and cultural organizations and projects. Working closely with business, civic and arts stakeholders, Hoskins will help ArtsWave advance its 10-year Blueprint for Collective Action.

“Following a national search, we are delighted to have found Damian Hoskins at a critical point in ArtsWave’s community impact journey,” said Alecia Kintner, president and CEO. “His cross-sector experience, personal commitment, and authentic leadership style make him a great fit for ArtsWave as we seek to make the arts relevant and meaningful for all Cincinnatians.”

Hoskins comes to ArtsWave from Mercy Health, where he held the role of Director of Community Programming, with a focus on measuring and investing in under-served communities. Prior to that, Hoskins worked for Hamilton County’s Head Start Program, including work to make the Preschool Promise a reality. Before that, he was at KnowledgeWorks/StrivePartnership, where he held the role of Director of Collaborative Action leading cross sector collective impact strategies for local education systems. He currently is an Executive on Loan for Urban League of Southwest Ohio, working to redesign the Urban League Institute, a leadership development program. Hoskins holds a BA in English Education from Central State and a MAA Ed. from the Art Academy of Cincinnati.

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About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the lead planner, promoter and fundraiser of 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 ripple effect 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. In 2018, ArtsWave raised more than \$12 million for the region's arts, marking its fifth year in a row of this funding magnitude. ArtsWave remains the largest community campaign for the arts throughout the country, both in total contributions and number of donors. In addition, the organization partners with the Cincinnati USA Regional Tourism Network to fund an additional \$1 million for arts marketing, grants and services.