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### **Music Hall and Taft Museum Open to Public This Saturday**

CINCINNATI (April 2, 2019) – As ArtsWave enters its last month of the 2019 ArtsWave Community Campaign to raise money for the region’s arts, this Saturday, April 6, it’s hosting back-to-back Open Houses of two Cincinnati icons, all in one day.

As part of ArtsWave Days, brought to you by Macy’s, Cincinnati Music Hall, through the support of the Cincinnati Arts Association, is opening its doors from 12-4 p.m. for a behind-the-scenes visit. This will include guided tours of the hall by the Society for the Preservation of Music Hall, which are being offered for the first time in an Open House setting. In addition, “next generation” performances will happen on stage and throughout the hall, including various ensemble performances and open rehearsals from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Youth Orchestra and Nouveau Chamber Players, School for Creative and Performing Arts, Walnut Hills High School, and UC College-Conservatory Preparatory Program. Performances and open rehearsals by the Cincinnati Opera and May Festival as well as drop-in dance classes by the Cincinnati Ballet and an instrument lab hosted by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will be also offered.

The Taft Museum of Art will be open from 4-8 p.m. and will offer two exhibitions free of charge – “Winslow Homer to Georgia O’Keeffe” and “Travels with Turner: Watercolors from the Taft Collection.” Guided tours will be held on the half-hour. Performances will be held on the front lawn, near the “Far Flung” outdoor sculpture, as well as in the garden under the tent. Groups include: Melodic Connections, Bacchanal Steel Drum Band, Cincinnati Youth Choir’s Bel Canto Choir, Pones, Lauren Eylise and TRIIBE. The parking lot will be blocked off with food trucks and drinks will be available.

Through ArtsWave Days, twice-a-month, the nonprofit planner, promoter and funder of the arts is showcasing the region’s arts as part of its 2019 annual ArtsWave Community Campaign, which runs through April 30.

Besides Macy’s title sponsorship, Frisch’s® Big Boy® is the series sponsor and Enquirer Media is the Print Media Sponsor.

Reserve your tour and get all the details at [ArtsWave.org/Days](http://ArtsWave.org/Days). Please bring your phone and headphones for the tours.

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#### **About ArtsWave:**

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the lead planner, promoter and fundraiser 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.

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.