For the Arts.
For ALL.

2020 COMMUNITY REPORT
2020 will always be remembered for its many pivots, but it’s also the year that marks the 10th anniversary of our pivot to become ArtsWave, an organization with a broad and inclusive mandate to fund the arts and fuel our community.

Built on nine decades of cumulative community support amounting to $350 million, our organization’s most recent milestone falls in a year characterized by a global pandemic, unrest and awakenings due to race-related violence and injustice, widespread economic uncertainty, climate crises and more.

In the span of six months, the Cincinnati region experienced the highs of BLINK®, illuminated by ArtsWave, with upwards of 1.5 million people enjoying four days and nights of magical art, light and technological innovation. Then came the unimaginable lows caused by the government shutdown of theaters, concert halls, museums and schools to slow the spread of COVID-19.

As they have done since 1927, ArtsWave’s donors in 2020 were key to keeping the lights on for arts and culture, and key to keeping the positive effects of the arts — neighborhood vibrancy and much-needed social connections — rippling throughout the region.

In fiscal year 2020, ArtsWave stewarded and reinvested more than $10 million in community support to sustain arts organizations and their impact on the vitality of the Cincinnati region. A resilient Campaign Cabinet chaired by Jill McGruder of Western & Southern Financial Group extended our traditional timeframe and adapted to new remote work conditions — including managing 40 virtual employee campaigns between May and August.

ArtsWave initiated several responses to the pandemic, including acceleration of $2.4 million in grant payments to help ease cash flow pressures for over 40 nonprofit arts organizations. Two rounds of supplemental emergency grants totaling $300,000 assisted 47 organizations. In addition, bridge loans gave a half-dozen organizations needed breathing room.

Our capacity to convene arts leaders across the community became more important than ever this year. Weekly CEO roundtable meetings among the heads of the largest arts institutions started in early March and haven’t stopped; these and other regular check-ins amongst staff across the sector have been an essential place for information-sharing, collaboration, support and strategizing. Online resources related to grant opportunities and federal assistance were created, as were mass communication vehicles to apprise the public of event cancelations and soon, the welcome emergence of virtual arts events.

“In an extraordinary time, ArtsWave commits to doing all we can in support of the arts and to create a more vibrant, healthy and just community.”

—James M. Zimmerman
2020 ArtsWave Board Chair

A GROWING WAVE OF SUPPORT ENABLES IMPACT

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Bridge Cultural Divides
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POWER OF HER multi-organization initiative led by ArtsWave begins countdown to centennial of women’s suffrage

ArtsWave announces Flow, an African American Arts Series, to debut in early 2020 and feature leading Black artists on Cincinnati’s premier stages
To further meet the moment, ArtsWave launched the first phase of an Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund to raise additional dollars for urgent and emerging COVID-inspired needs. With a 2-to-1, $2 million challenge from ArtsWave’s Board-designated reserve funds, we amassed $1 million in one-time gifts. The $3 million fund is addressing four phase-one priorities: sustaining cultural assets, ensuring diversity in the arts ecosystem, encouraging smart restructuring and innovating for a changing future. There’s more to do.

With the help of generous individuals, businesses and foundations, ArtsWave is enabling the visions of artists to uplift our community. Whether it’s reinforcing the importance of physical distancing by funding the #StayHomeStaySafe art-based campaign created by Art on the Street; mindfulness through daily doses of local music paired with meditation via a partnership with The Well, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Opera; 500+ street performances through the Street Stage Project, a partnership of 3CDC and the Cincinnati Music Accelerator; or encouraging outdoor arts attendance through added concerts by It’s Commonly Jazz and the Findlay Market Music Series, ArtsWave is also directing resources to the independent artists that call our region home.

Long before 2020’s national spotlight on systemic racism, ArtsWave was working to increase opportunities for arts organizations of color and build greater engagement in arts related to the Black experience, in particular. This fiscal year we reached a new high of investment in Black arts organizations and artists — $730,000. This includes the January launch of a new grants program for African American Arts that funded 18 organizations; artist fees paid to the creators of Cincinnati’s Black Lives Matter mural; underwriting for “Black Excellence in Zone 15,” a mural in Lincoln Heights; and partnership with P&G’s Cincinnati Music Festival to create an Outdoor Museum featuring local Black and Brown artists. It also includes ArtsWave’s debut of Flow, an African American Arts series, which promises to engage a diverse audience for years to come.

Finally, ArtsWave salutes the POWER OF HER — another initiative made possible by donors and showcasing the programs of more than 100 arts partners. In a new book which links our past history with our current assets and leaders, we celebrate women who have shaped Cincinnati’s arts landscape. We move resolutely into 2021 with a renewed commitment to equality, equity and inclusion, within and through the arts.

With sincere appreciation,

Alecia Kintner
President & CEO
ArtsWave

...AND MEANINGFUL RESPONSE

2020

ArtsWave Community Campaign raises $10.8 million from 27,000 donors during COVID-19

ArtsWave launches $3 million Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund and public challenge to provide a path to restarting the arts

ArtsWave responds with emergency relief funds, accelerated grants, innovation funds, loans and other forms of assistance

“Lifting As We Learn” diversity, equity, inclusion and access plan is adopted, with key performance indicators for ArtsWave and the arts sector

Artists create an outdoor museum in Washington Park during the Cincinnati Music Festival, presented by P&G
Photo credit: AGAR

The new Black Lives Matter mural in downtown Cincinnati
Photo credit: Empower

A socially-distanced virtual concert by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
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Play in the Streets, a community event by Kennedy Heights Arts Center
Photo credit: Will Jones
Our investments this year sustain assets, drive impact, enable action and illuminate these extraordinary times.

Organizations had the opportunity to apply for support to advance ArtsWave’s Blueprint for Collective Action in a variety of ways and to seek emergency support as the pandemic disrupted the arts sector. Additional grants and sponsorships were directed by ArtsWave in partnership with donors.

2019-2020 ARTSWAVE COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

ArtsBridge Divides and Arts Deepen Roots

In 2020, ArtsWave tripled support for Black organizations and artists year-over-year, while continuing to provide grants to deepen roots of young professionals and to advance inclusion through ArtsWave Pride.

African American Arts Grants

Launched as part of the 2020 ArtsWave Campaign in January, this new program focuses on arts organizations led by or primarily serving Black communities. Eligible projects were designed to strengthen organizational capacity or scale ongoing impact. Funding was provided, in part, by Greater Cincinnati Foundation and ArtsWave’s Circle of African American Leaders for the Arts.

- Art of the Piano
- Artsville
- Avondale Community Arts Program
- Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theater
- Cincinnati Arts and Technology Studios
- Cincinnati Boychoir
- Cincinnati Music Accelerator
- Elementz
- It’s Commonly Jazz
- Jazz Alive
- Juneteenth Cincinnati Learning Through Art
- PAR-Projects
- Q-KIDZ Dance Team
- Red Light Jazz Room
- Revolution Dance Theatre
- Robert O’Neal Multicultural Arts Center (ROMAC)

Black Arts Sponsorships

ArtsWave sponsored or facilitated projects showcasing Black artists and leaders:

- Black Art Speaks “Black Lives Matter!” street mural artist commissions
- “Black Excellence in Zone 15” mural in Lincoln Heights
- Cincinnati Music Festival Outdoor Museum
- Eye of the Artists Foundation “Dada Rafiki”
- “Flow, an African American Arts Series” inaugural performances by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company
- National Instrumentalist Mentoring and Advancement Network (NIMAN)/Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
- “Ronald K. Brown and Evidence” presented by Contemporary Dance Theater

ArtsWave Pride Grants

Nine organizations with projects advancing inclusion were selected by the ArtsWave Pride steering committee to receive grants from a portion of Pride member gifts.

- Basketshop
- Campbell County Public Library
- Cincinnati Men’s Chorus
- Cincinnati Opera
- Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
- Contemporary Arts Center
- Know Theatre of Cincinnati
- Revolution Dance Theatre
- Taft Museum of Art
- True Theatre
- Young Professionals Choral Collective

ArtsWave Young Professionals (YP) Grants

Six organizations with special projects targeting young professionals were selected by the ArtsWave YP steering committee to receive grants from a portion of their donations.

- Cincinnati Opera
- Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park
- Contemporary Arts Center
- Over-the-Rhine Museum
- Taft Museum of Art
- Young Professionals Choral Collective

Arts Enliven Neighborhoods

Arts & Cultural Event Sponsorships

ArtsWave supported independent artists and cultural events — large and small — that brought our community together, in good times and bad. This funding also represented critical support for local creative economy workers whose livelihood was upended by COVID-19.

- 3CDC “Street Stage” (performer fees)
- Art on the Streets “#StayHomeSaveLives” (artist commissions)
- ArtWorks, Wave Pool and The Well, “Camp cARTwheel” (teaching artist fees)
- BLINK® 2019
- Cincinnati Music Accelerator “CMA Mobile Trailer”
- Cincy Nice Social House “$13 Anthem” (composer honoraria)
- Findlay Market “Music at the Market!” (performer fees)
- National Consortium for Creative Placemaking — Midwest Convening
- Price Hill Will presents Bread and Puppet Theater
- Wave Pool/Contemporary Arts Center “Cincinnati Artist Relief Assistance Fund” (artist support)
Arts & Health Grants
Funding for projects that used the arts to increase health and well-being of community members was provided, in part, by St. Elizabeth Foundation and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation.

Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theater
Cincinnati Arts Association
Fourthwall Youth Studios
Melodic Connections
The Well

Arts Fuel Creativity & Learning
With funding from the Stillsion Foundation/Fifth Third Bank, Trustee, and others, ArtsWave advanced the goal of fueling creativity and learning through the arts with grants to five organizations.

Cincinnati Arts and Technology Studios
Greater Cincinnati Alliance for Arts Educators
MYCincinnati
NKU Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement
Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services

Arts Put Cincinnati on the Map
Sustaining Impact Grants/Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund
Every year, ArtsWave donors make possible grants for basic operations of high-impact arts organizations across the region that build the vibrancy and reputation that make Cincinnati unique. Grant amounts are determined by a formula that considers budget size and a score related to ArtsWave’s Blueprint. Minimum awards are equivalent to 4% of annual operating revenues; the average award is 7-8% of budgets. This approach gives us a way to make equitable and evidence-based awards.

In 2020, grants were renewed at 2019 levels to avoid further destabilization during the pandemic, following a thorough financial review. Funding was made possible by campaign donors plus supplemental donations to ArtsWave’s Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund designated for the Sustainability of Cincinnati Cultural Assets.

Large Arts Organizations ($1 million+ in revenues)
• ArtsWorks
• 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
• The Carnegie
• The Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati

Midsize Arts Organizations ($300,000 to $1 million in revenues)
• Behringer-Crawford Museum
• Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theater
• Cincinnati Baychoir
• Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra
• Cincinnati Youth Choir
• Clifton Cultural Arts Center
• Elementz

Small Arts Organizations (<$300,000 in revenues)
• Kennedy Heights Arts Center
• Kentuck Symphony Orchestra
• Know Theatre of Cincinnati
• Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center
• Melodic Connections
• Oxford Community Arts Center
• Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum
• Visionaries + Voices
• Wyoming Fine Arts Center

COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants
In response to COVID-19, ArtsWave provided fast, unrestricted emergency funds for arts organizations with budgets under $3.5 million that were facing unexpected and drastic loss of income. For many organizations, this represented additional funding from ArtsWave that helped “keep a pilot light on” despite uncertain and radically changed conditions.

American Sign Museum
ArtWorks
Basketshop
Behringer-Crawford Museum
Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theater
Cincinnati Arts and Technology Studios
Cincinnati Baychoir
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra
Cincinnati Landmark Productions
Cincinnati Men’s Chorus
Cincinnati Music & Wellness Coalition
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company
Cincinnati Youth Choir
Creative Aging Cincinnati
Dearborn Highlands Arts Council
Elementz
Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati
Film Cincinnati
Fulton Center for Creative Arts
Know Theatre of Cincinnati
Learning Through Art
Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Center
Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center
Melodic Connections

Technology Advancement Grants
With funding from the Ohio Valley Foundation/Fifth Third Bank, Trustee and SunTrust, now Truist, ArtsWave made two rounds of investments in technology improvements for local arts organizations this year.

Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theater
Cincinnati Baychoir
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra
Clifton Cultural Arts Center
Creative Aging Cincinnati
Film Cincinnati
Kennedy Heights Arts Center
Kentucky Symphony Orchestra
Learning Through Art
Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Center
My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus
PAR-Projects
Young Professionals Choral Collective

Innovating for a New Reality
Seven organizations received the first innovation grants from the 2020 Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund in recognition of their positive responses to COVID-19 challenges in connecting with audiences.

Cincinnati Art Museum
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
colleague
Contemporary Arts Center
Kennedy Heights Arts Center
Melodic Connections
Taft Museum of Art

smART Restructuring
Four organizations received the first SmART Restructuring grants from the 2020 Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund to create greater efficiencies in daily operations.

Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theater
Cincinnati Baychoir
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra
Clifton Cultural Arts Center
Cincinnati Boys Choir
Contemporary Dance Theater
Mutual Dance Theatre and Arts Center

Special Thanks
ArtsWave advanced the Blueprint for Collective Action with strategic marketing projects developed by two nonprofit media partners.

CET
Cincinnati Public Radio

Endowed Awards
Endowed funds held by ArtsWave, established decades ago, enable special awards each year.

2020 Kahn Fellowship: Cincinnati Baychoir
2020 Sachs Award: Patricia K. Beggs
2020 Sachs Award: Carl Solway
Greater Cincinnati arts organizations have been devastated by the impacts of COVID-19. Using data collected from 60 nonprofit arts organizations, ArtsWave estimates that $40 million has been LOST in ticket revenue, sponsorships and contracts since the early March ban on mass gatherings and school closures.

Like other business sectors, Greater Cincinnati’s arts sector is a vital part of the economy. The local nonprofit arts sector — comprised of over 200 small businesses — has an economic impact of more than $300 million annually and employs 10,000+ people.

Over 4,000 opportunities to engage with the arts have been canceled. 1,750 contracts with performing and teaching artists have been canceled. 400 professionals have been laid off, furloughed or seen their pay reduced. These creative workers in our community typically work multiple jobs, and many are without safety nets. The region’s return to vibrancy must include a plan to sustain and restore the arts sector.
2:1 CHALLENGE TO RECOVER ARTS VIBRANCY

To ensure the solvency and vibrant return of our region’s arts assets in the wake of this unprecedented crisis, ArtsWave is matching every $1 contributed to a strategic Arts Recovery Fund with $2 from board-designated endowment reserves, up to $2 million. Donations can be designated to four key areas:

**Sustainability**
- Offsets revenue losses, including the ArtsWave Campaign
- Keeps cultural anchors strong

**SmART Restructuring**
- Drives new efficiencies across the arts sector
- Strengthens small and mid-sized arts

**Ensuring Cultural Diversity**
- Funds new African American Arts grants
- Sustains and scales programs serving and led by people of color
- Supports cultural traditions and celebrations in neighborhoods

**Innovating for a New Reality**
- Supports current and post-crisis ideas for arts engagement and related new technologies
- Recognizes changes to patterns in arts participation

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Virtual panel discussion at “Lifting Every Voice: Singing Proudly for Equality,” an event sponsored by ArtsWave Pride and PNC, featuring Cincinnati Men’s Chorus and MUSE, Cincinnati’s Women’s Choir

Kala Gibson of Fifth Third Bank and the CAALA Steering Committee speaks at the 2020 Campaign kickoff
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The dedication of “Black Excellence in Zone 15,” a new mural in Lincoln Heights
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The audience at Dayton Contemporary Dance Company’s “Retro/ACTIVE,” the inaugural concert of the Flow performance series

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The ArtsWave YP lounge at Empower’s office space during BLINK® 2019

Cincinnati Shakespeare Company hosts a virtual happy hour event
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