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.
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.

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.
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 Kintner
President & CEO
ArtsWave

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.

Tim Steigerwald
2022 ArtsWave Campaign Chair
President & CEO, Messer Construction
Photo provided
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**.
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.

The ArtsWave Engine
- Increase annual support for the arts.
- Ensure ArtsWave’s capacity for success in a post-pandemic environment.

The Impact-Focused Arts Sector
- Shore up the arts sector with steady investment and new supports.
- Ignite the region as a place where artists thrive.
- Make intentional action toward making equity and inclusion a hallmark of the region’s arts sector.

The Arts-Engaged Community
- Create new, one-stop pathways to discover what’s going on in the Cincinnati region’s arts.
- Weave the arts into post-pandemic community building.
- Establish arts participation as a regional characteristic.
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:

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

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

Capacity-Building Support

The Circle Grants

11 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

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
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
Paloozaine’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.

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)
Paloozanaire’s Juneteenth Block Party
PhotograpHERS A Women’s Collective
Robert O’Neal Multicultural Art Center
The SCPA Fund
The Street Stage Project

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ArtsWave Presents @ CVG

ArtsWave Artist @ Your Meeting

Bacchanal Steel Band
Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre
Cardinal String Quartet
Ernaisja Curry
Preston Bell Charles III
Chris Comer Trio
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company
Cincy Brass
Devou Doo Daddies (Kentucky Symphony Orchestra)
Erin Fung
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Queen City Opera
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Ricky Williams Trio
Satin Smooth Project
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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.
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

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

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
NrittyArpana
Oxford Community Arts Center
Pones
Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum

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.

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.
2021 Leadership

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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.

The ribbon cutting for the Truth and Reconciliation Artist Showcase at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Photo credit: Rene Micheo
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.

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.

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

2021 Recognition List

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$1,000,000 to $1,999,999
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$500,000 to $999,999
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$5,000 to $9,999
1919 Investment Counsel
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BakerHostetler
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Carriage House Car Wash presenting proceeds to ArtsWave from their Wash ‘n’ Glow fundraiser

Artist Adoria Maxberry at the 2021 CMF Outdoor Museum in Washington Park
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Lauren Eylise performs at ArtsWave’s donor event sponsored by Dewey’s Pizza at the Cincinnati Art Museum’s Art Climb
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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 Westons’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 support 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.
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