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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, Macy's, the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, Hard Rock Casino and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

ArtsWave President & CEO, Alecia Kintner and Vice President, Equitable Arts Advancement, Janice Liebenberg; Cincinnati Art Museum Acting Director, David Linnenberg; National Underground Railroad Freedom Center President & COO, Woody Keown; Cincinnati Museum Center CEO, Elizabeth Pierce; Robert O'Neal Multicultural Art Center Founding Director, Toilynn O'Neil Turner; Cincinnati Mayor, Aftab Pureval; Duke Energy Ohio and Kentucky Vice President of Community Relations and Economic Development, Rhonda Whitaker Hurtt; Macy's Director Talent Acquisition & Employer Brand Marketing, Agnes Godwin Hall; Greater Cincinnati Foundation Senior Program Officer of Community Learning and Impact, Zohar Perla; Fifth Third Bank Darius Scott, Vice President, Corporate Banking; The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati Director of Impact Assessment, Mike Boberg; Hard Rock Casino President, George Goldhoff; Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Senior Director, Community Relations and Professor, Division of Behavioral Medicine and Clinical Psychology, Monica J. Mitchell; Performer and Black and Brown Artist Program grantee Margaret Tung.

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

This year's "Truth & Inspiration Artist Showcase" features visual art, film, music, dance, children's literature — expanding from two locations to partner with three different arts and culture organizations: the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Cincinnati Museum Center and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Through the lens of 22 local artists who received support from ArtsWave's Black and Brown Artist Program, this multidisciplinary set of works represents an array of perspectives on the complexities that accompany the theme of "truth and reconciliation," many of which will inspire us all. Visual Art Exhibition, Live Performances and Film Festival will be announced.

When: Friday, July 15 at 10 a.m. (prior to public opening), with interviews and media tours of the visual art exhibition immediately following.

Where: Great Hall at the Cincinnati Art Museum

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About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit 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.

Strong funding for the arts has allowed Cincinnati's arts and culture scene to become a national draw and regional asset, creating a wave 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. ArtsWave has met its goal of \$11.5 million for its 2022 Campaign, an amount necessary for the arts, given the difficult health and economic crisis that has spanned nearly two years, affecting the entire region.

Donations can be made at artswave.org/give.