



FOTOFOCUS BIENNIAL backstories OCT 2024

ABOUT THE BIENNIAL

The largest photography and lens-based biennial in America, the FotoFocus Biennial is in a category of its own. Now in its seventh iteration, the 2024 Biennial encompasses 107 projects at 86 Participating Venues across Greater Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, and Northern Kentucky.

An ambitious collaboration between FotoFocus and the region's museums, galleries, universities, and non-traditional spaces, the FotoFocus Biennial is a month-long celebration of photography and lens-based art that unites artists, curators, and participants from around the world. This year's Biennial presents 15 Featured Projects including an international touring retrospective, a multi-venue celebration of an artist featuring a new commission, rare and never-before-seen photographic works, new research and insight to expand understandings of artists, and a Call for Entry Selection category, along with a wide range of original exhibitions, events, and projects, all centered around the theme of *backstories*.

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Program Accessibility

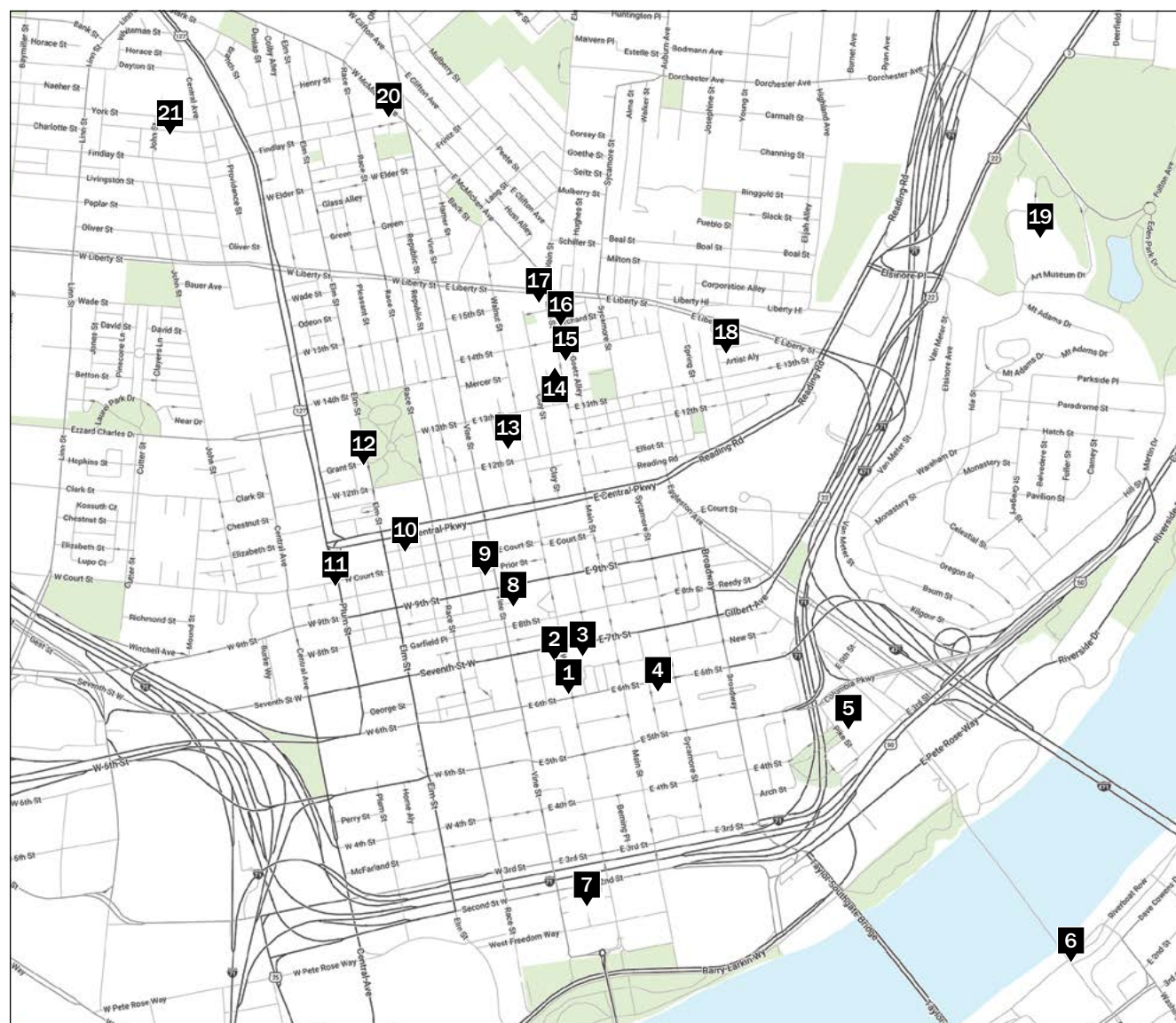
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2024 FOTOFOCUS BIENNIAL VENUES

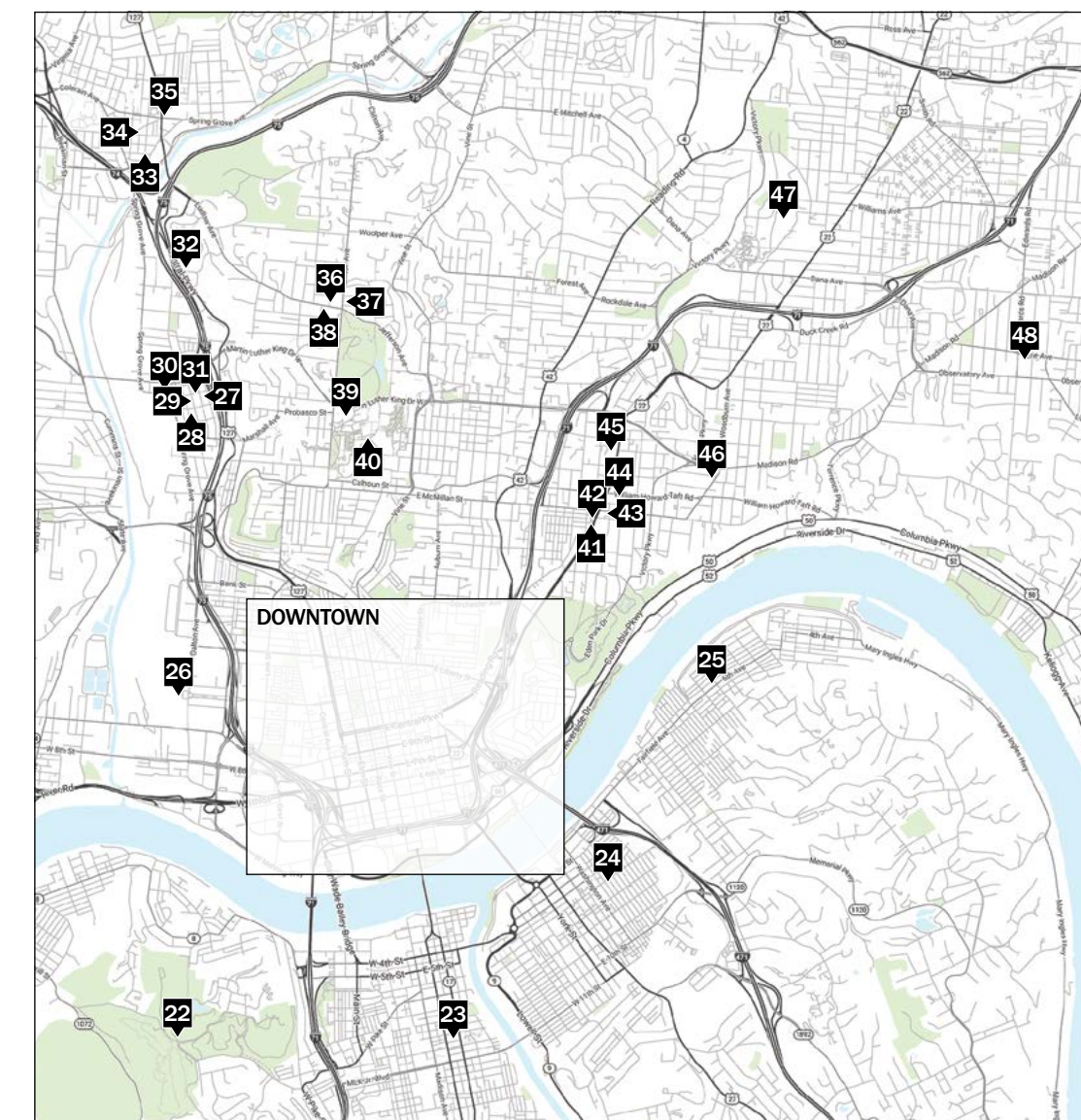
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2 21c Museum Hotel Cincinnati
3 Alice F. and Harris K. Weston Art Gallery
4 Cincinnati Art Galleries
5 Taft Museum of Art
6 Purple People Bridge
7 National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
8 Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library: Main Branch
9 Michael Lowe Gallery with Alternate Projects
10 Studio Kroner
11 Lloyd Library & Museum
12 Wash Park Art Gallery
13 Art Academy of Cincinnati Galleries
14 Iris BookCafé and Gallery
15 Main Street Shop & Studio
16 Art Beyond Boundaries Gallery
17 Gallery at 1435 Main
18 The Annex Gallery
19 Cincinnati Art Museum
20 Over-the-Rhine Museum
21 Solway Gallery
22 Behringer-Crawford Museum
23 The Carnegie
24 Limgaine at Roebling Point Books and Coffee
25 The Lodge KY
26 Cincinnati Museum Center
27 Archive of Creative Culture
28 The Well
29 FLAG Studio
30 Various Locations for Artist Run
31 Wave Pool
32 Manifest Drawing Center
33 Visionaries and Voices
34 PAR-Projects: Gallery at Studé6 PAR-Branch: Walnut Hills Branch
35 Ruth's Parkside Café

DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI



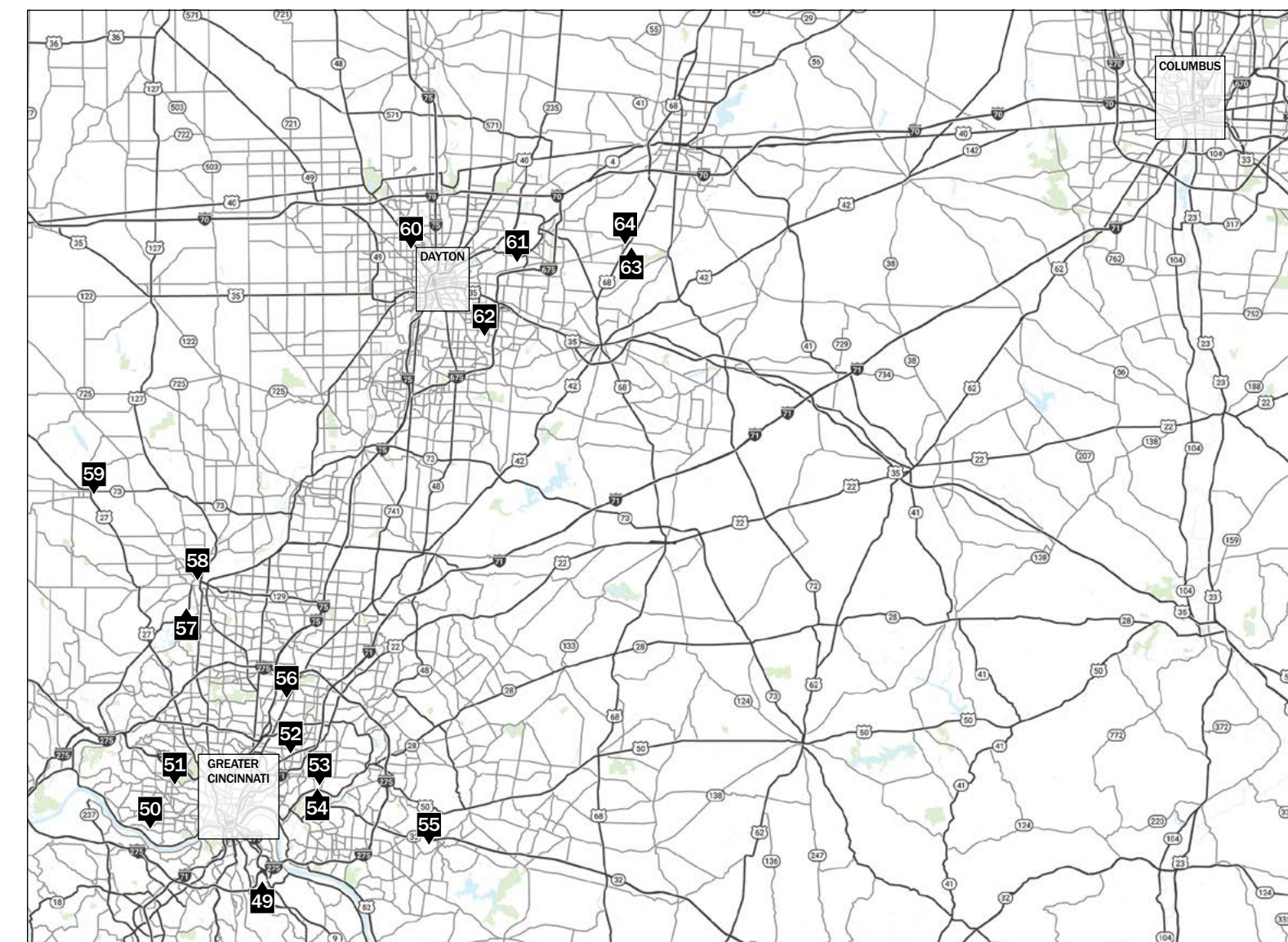
- 36 Esquire Theatre Gallery
46 Manifest Gallery
47 Xavier University Art Galleries
48 Miller Gallery
49 Northern Kentucky University School of the Arts Galleries
50 Mount St. Joseph University: Studio San Giuseppe Art Gallery
51 BasketShop
52 Kennedy Heights Arts Center
53 Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati: The Barn
54 Eisele Gallery
55 University of Cincinnati Clermont College Art Gallery
56 Evendale Cultural Arts Center
57 Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum
37 Clifton Cultural Arts Center
38 Off Ludlow Gallery
39 DAAP Galleries: Reed Gallery
40 DAAP Galleries: Meyers Gallery
41 Cinzy Nice at Peebles Gallery
42 Century Design Workshop
43 ArtWorks V Gallery
44 Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library: Walnut Hills Branch
45 ArtWorks

GREATER CINCINNATI



- 58 Filtron Center for Creative Arts
68 University of Dayton: Index Gallery
69 Edward A. Dixon Gallery
70 Dana L. Wiley Gallery
71 Stivers School for the Arts: Fifth Street Gallery
72 The Dayton Society of Artists
73 University of Dayton: Roger Glass Center for the Arts Gallery
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75 German Village Society
76 Columbus Museum of Art
77 Columbus College of Art & Design: Beeler Gallery
78 Wexner Center for the Arts
79 The Gund at Kenyon College
67 The Contemporary Dayton
66 Sinclair Community College Art Galleries
65 Dayton Art Institute
64 Crome Architecture
63 Antioch College: Herndon Gallery
62 Rosewood Arts Center
61 Wright State University: Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries

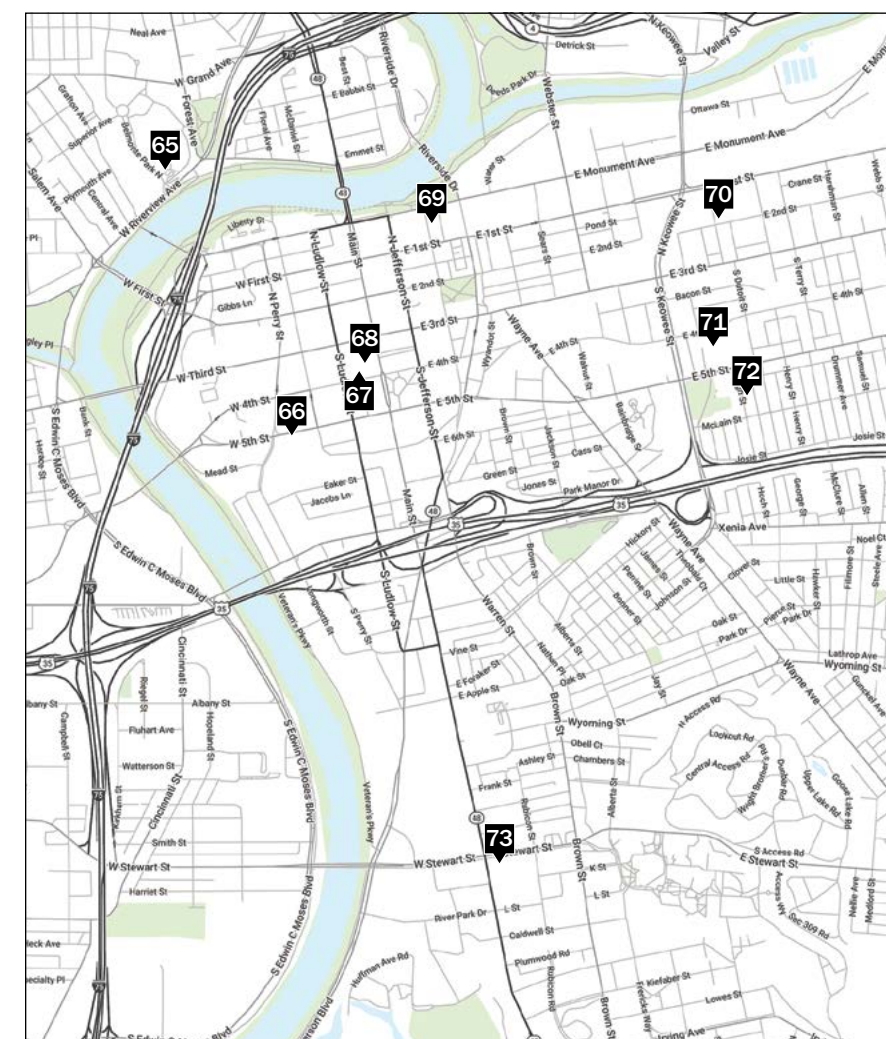
BIENNIAL REGION



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FEATURED PROJECTS

Biennial Featured Projects showcase a wide range of original exhibitions and projects curated by FotoFocus and Biennial guest curators, as well as Call for Entry Selections, all centered around the theme of *backstories*. These 15 projects, featuring international, national, and regional artists and curators, focus on stories that are not evident at first glance—offering context for what happened previously or out of view, providing narratives not yet told or presented from a new perspective. Yet once told, these stories shed light on current circumstances and events.

- 1 Contemporary Arts Center
Barbara Probst: Subjective Evidence
Chip Thomas and the Painted Desert Project
Cincinnati Art Museum
Discovering Ansel Adams
Alice F. and Harris K. Weston Art Gallery
Memory Fields

PARTICIPATING VENUE PROJECTS

The FotoFocus Biennial saturates the region with photography and lens-based art, brings the community together, and celebrates the curatorial, artistic talent, and ideas fostered by our Participating Venues. These projects reflect upon the theme of *backstories* through a range of contemporary and historic perspectives.

- 2 21c Museum Hotel Cincinnati
Revival: Digging Into Yesterday, Planting Tomorrow
Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library: Main Branch
Depth of Field: The Universe of the Daguerreotype
Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library: Walnut Hills Branch
More than Meets the Eye: Multimedia Narratives that Connect Generations and Cultures
Dana L. Wiley Gallery
Gary Beeber: Michael Malone: Portrait of an American Organic Farmer
Tracy Longley-Cook: Paths of the Ecliptic

- 39 DAAP Galleries: Reed Gallery
Cultural Exchange: Still Moving
79 The Gund at Kenyon College
Ming Smith: Jazz Requiem—Notations in Blue
38 Off Ludlow Gallery
Tina Gutierrez: Kindred Spirits
20 Over-the-Rhine Museum
Snapshots of Over-the-Rhine
34 PAR-Projects: Gallery at Studeo PAR
Don't Just Talk About It, Be About It
57 Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum
Stories of the Land
68 University of Dayton: Index Gallery
On Location & Care
73 University of Dayton: Roger Glass Center for the Arts Gallery
The Devil Hiding in Plain Sight

CALL FOR ENTRY SELECTIONS

Six selected projects highlight talent from the region's artists and curators as part of the first large-scale regional Call for Entry in the Biennial's history. In these exhibitions, what is visible on the surface—what is easily photographed—is enlarged and enriched through an understanding of broader histories, by seeing beyond what is evident, and by knowing the backstories.

- 13 Art Academy of Cincinnati: SITE1122
Digressions
Purple People Bridge
More than Meets the Eye: An Immersive Display of Narrative Power through Photos
Various Locations
Artist Run: The Continuing Legacy of Cincinnati's Artist-Run Spaces
Art Academy of Cincinnati: McClure Gallery
Contested Ground
Art Academy of Cincinnati: Pearlman Gallery
Deeply Rooted
16 Art Beyond Boundaries Gallery
In Pursuit of Empathy
45 ArtWorks
Inhabited: Stories of the Past
43 ArtWorks V2 Gallery
Chiaroscuro
51 BasketShop
Silas Long: Interior Ruin
22 Behringer-Crawford Museum
Mark Schlachter: Familiar Faces

- 63 Antioch College: Herndon Gallery
Juan-Si González: Looking for Cuba Inside
27 Archive of Creative Culture
Lacey Haslam: The Sidney Project
37 Clifton Cultural Arts Center
Generations
77 Columbus College of Art & Design: Beeler Gallery
I Was Here
76 Columbus Museum of Art
Fragments of Epic Memory
67 The Contemporary Dayton
Curtis Mann
49 Northern Kentucky University School of the Arts Galleries
Marissa Nicole Stewart: Call Me When You Get Home

- 65 Dayton Art Institute
Devil's Promenade
72 The Dayton Society of Artists
Midwest Americana
69 Edward A. Dixon Gallery
Images from Storytellers
54 Eisele Gallery
Tina Gutierrez: Illumination
36 Esquire Theatre Gallery
Casey LeClair: Nightlife in Renderville
59 Miami University: Performing Arts Quad
Converging Stories at the Crossroads
59 Miami University: Richard and Carole Cocks Art Museum
Through Their Lens: Photographing Freedom Summer
9 Michael Lowe Gallery with Alternate Projects
Blank Generation: Downtown New York 1970s-80s
48 Miller Gallery
Kimball Derrick: My Book of Life—The Preface

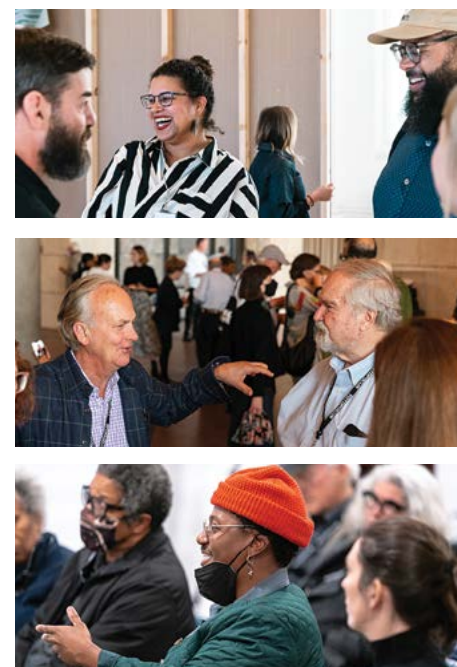
- 55 University of Cincinnati Clermont College Art Gallery
Judi Bonnarotto: Reclaiming Your Outside Voice
36 University of Cincinnati Niehoff Center for Film and Media Studies at the Esquire Theatre
Caribbean Eye: Auteur Cinema from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic
68 University of Dayton: Index Gallery
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The Devil Hiding in Plain Sight
33 Visionaries and Voices
Flowers in the Sidewalk
12 Wash Park Art Gallery
CONCEPT and OODA: Lydia Massey and Ron Hoffman
31 Wave Pool
A Thousand Words
31 The Welcome Project
Defend the Sacred
28 The Well
Sona and Soma
Unorthodox
78 Wexner Center for the Arts
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Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati: The Barn
Nina Wells: King Me
61 Wright State University: Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries
Daniel McInnis: Elementary
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Labyrinth: A Paula Kraus Retrospective
47 Xavier University Art Galleries
Behind the Curtain
5 Taft Museum of Art
Posing Beauty in African American Culture

2024 FOTOFOCUS BIENNIAL PASSPORT

Access is central to FotoFocus: The Biennial Passport offers free access to over 100 FotoFocus Biennial projects and programs during the month of October, invitations to members-only events, and entry into the FotoFocus Biennial Opening Weekend Program (September 26-28, 2024), which features a keynote lecture; talks and panel discussions with artists, curators, and collaborators; receptions; and tours. The Biennial Program constitutes the core of the Biennial, establishing the theme and dialogues that unite the broader programming. To become a Passport Holder, visit FotoFocus.org/Passport.



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Founded in 2010 in Cincinnati, Ohio, FotoFocus is a nonprofit organization created to celebrate and champion photography as the medium of our time. With a mission to present and support photography and lens-based projects that are accessible, enriching, and engaging to a diverse public, FotoFocus collaborates with organizations, artists, and curators in the region.



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