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MEDIA KIT

ARTS & LEISURE ROUNDUP



CINCINNATI
EXPERIENCE



In Cincy, whether you want to take in the arts, good eats, or simply have a good time, you'll find everything you need right here. Our city rebounded from 2020 lockdowns with an impressive lineup of new restaurants, gallery

openings, and museum exhibits in 2021. Interested in the true Cincy experience? Add these must-sees to your recommendation list (or your next visit).

NEW RESTAURANT OPENINGS

While our famous mole-inspired chili is admittedly awesome, Cincy boasts a varied slate of incredibly delicious and diverse dishes. The Cincinnati region saw 70 new dining establishments open in 2021. Here are the places with menus we can't wait to tackle:

OTR STILL HOUSE

The OTR Still House opened along Central Parkway, and with it Sqr - pronounced "skewer" - a play on Japanese street food with southern influences, cooked atop a robata grill. Try the collard green steamed dumplings with bourbon barrel soy sauce; it's life-changing.

LATIN HOUSE

Cincy's first Cuban restaurant, the Latin House, opened its doors in the former Sports Page restaurant space downtown. We're huge fans of the plaintain soup!

HERBAN VEGANS

Herban Vegans, a "seafood" restaurant serving completely plant-based fare, opened its doors across from Findlay Market. The Cauli Wingz pair nicely with the Fysh Fry - go on, you know you want to give it a try!

PENSIVE DISTILLING

Pensive Distilling, a craft distillery and restaurant named and themed after winners of the Kentucky Derby, opened on Monmouth Street in Newport in May. Their establishment champions the winning spirit of our community (and, we've got to say, we're feeling that right now!) Their American Pharaoh sliders are simply addictive.

ST. FRANCIS APIZZA

St. Francis Apizza, named a "Best Pizza" of Cincinnati 2021 by the Enquirer, opened in Hyde Park in February. Pro tip: Try the Garlic and Greens with added pepperoni (and some hot honey if you're feeling fancy.)

MASHROOTS MOFONGO BAR

MashRoots Mofongo Bar, specializing in a fast-casual Puerto Rican dish, opened in January in College Hill. The fried chicken bowls are unlike anything we've ever seen!

These stellar eats and drinks are far from all Cincy's got going on.

Check out more of the Cincy food scene

[RIGHT HERE.](#)



ARTS & LEISURE IN CINCY

In 2022, the show is definitely going on. From cutting edge dance, to the best of Broadway and the grandest of grand opera, here's what we're looking forward to this year:

EVENTS

THE CHILDREN'S THEATRE OF CINCINNATI

The nation's oldest professional theater for young audiences, creating lifelong memories for families and school audiences since 1919.

CINCINNATI MUSIC ACCELERATOR

Ohio's first music career accelerator organization is here in LA this weekend bringing up-and-coming musicians for the Bengals tailgate.

CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER

Offering FREE admission and started in 1939, the museum is one of the first modern art museums in the nation. Its current building was **Zaha Hadid's first American architectural project.**

CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM

Offering FREE admission and one of the country's first art museums, the museum features a diverse, encyclopedic art collection of more than 67,000 works spanning 6,000 years.

CINCINNATI OPERA

The Opera is the **second oldest opera company in the nation.** The only one older? The Met.

CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CINCINNATI POPS ORCHESTRA

Not only is the orchestra in cultural institutions, the top 10 nationally, **the Pops have had 56 recordings make the billboard charts,** a feat unmatched by any other orchestra.

MUSIC HALL

Completed in 1878, the building has hosted a Democratic National Convention, prize fights, college basketball and is the **current home of five arts organizations.**

CINCY QUICK BITS

Cincinnati was named one of the top 20 **most vibrant arts regions in 2020.**

The region boasts over **200 public murals,** transforming our historic architecture into an outdoor art gallery.

BLINK, a 30+ block outdoor art experience with 1.3+ million attendees, \$87 million in economic impact and 1,000+ jobs, returns in 2022.

In the last five years, Cincinnati has made **\$600 million in capital investments** in arts and in cultural institutions.

Cincinnati has record-setting community support for the arts. Annual donations from residents and employees in 300 businesses are one of our city's traditions going back 100 years. **ArtsWave is the largest community arts campaign in the nation,** with tens of thousands of donors and nearly \$12 million raised each year, making it the region's engine for the arts.

THE TOP FIVE TO-DOS IN CINCY

Whether you're stopping by Cincy or recommending exceptional entertainment for your readership, these are our must-see honorable mentions:

- 01.** Check out Cincinnati Zoo and meet Fiona, a baby hippopotamus born 6 weeks premature at the Cincinnati Zoo. Possibly our most adorable and universally-loved local legend, she is the smallest hippo ever to survive.
- 02.** See the Cincinnati Reds, the first professional baseball team in the country, at Great American Ball Park.
- 03.** Visit the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center for a deep look at our nation's history (and see a piece of Berlin Wall while you're there).
- 04.** Stop by the Cincinnati Music Festival: Cancelled in 2020 & 2021 due to the pandemic, the originally-announced, star-studded line-up from 2020 is back in full force at Paul Brown Stadium, July 22 & 23, 2022.
- 05.** Experience the Oktoberfest-Zinzinnati® (September 2022): Annually the largest U.S. Oktoberfest, Cincinnati welcomes over half a million people to its temporary biergartens, stages and food tents along 2nd and 3rd streets in its riverfront district.

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For more information about Cincy's arts & leisure scene, head to [cincinnatiexperience.com!](https://cincinnatiexperience.com)