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First-Ever Local Collaboration Introduces Audiences to Contemporary Art with *Art:21: A Cincinnati Five-Way*

The newly created public program series *Art:21 – A Cincinnati Five-Way* will examine contemporary art and artists by introducing local audiences to the Emmy-nominated, nationally broadcast PBS series *Art:21 - Art in the Twenty-First Century*. Visitors will engage in compelling discussions and interactive presentations with in-depth examinations of contemporary art.

As the first grant-funded, local public program series of its kind to focus on contemporary art, *Art:21 - A Cincinnati Five-Way* is a partnership with the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, the Art Library at College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning at the University of Cincinnati, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, and the Contemporary Arts Center. The local program series will take place on select dates through May and is open to the general public.

Art:21 - A Cincinnati Five-Way will introduce local audiences to themes featured in the previously broadcast national series, *Art:21 - Art in the Twenty-First Century* through a screening event at each of the collaborating venues. Themes include consumption and power, spirituality, memory and time, place, and stories. Following each screening event, local educators, scholars and artists will lead discussion forums and presentations, which CETConnect will later broadcast online.

Viewed by audiences around the country, *Art:21 - Art in the Twenty-First Century* is the only broadcast series for national public television to focus exclusively on contemporary visual art and artists in the United States. A biennial event for television, the series includes four one-hour episodes featuring various artists each season with a focus on five themes inspired by societal trends and issues. The profiled artists represent the breadth of artistic practice across the country and reveal the depth of multicultural talent. The series airs nationwide on PBS and is distributed internationally as well.

Program Series Schedule

Monday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Contemporary Arts Center, 44 East Sixth Street (downtown)

Border Crossing in Contemporary Art: Screening of “Spirituality” featuring the art of Shahzia Sikander. Followed by a presentation and discussion by educator Diane Fishbein focused on the mixing of cultural iconography in art.

Cost: Free.

Reservations: (513) 345-8420

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.: Cincinnati Art Museum, Eden Park

Arenas: A Conversation with Anthony Luensman

Screening of *Place* followed by a discussion with artist Anthony Luensman focused on the considerations he made before creating the sight-specific exhibition, *Arenas*.

Conversation led by Mark Harris, director of the school of art at the School of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning at the University of Cincinnati

Cost: \$10 general public; \$5 Art Museum members; college students w/ID are free.

Reservations: (513) 721-ARTS

Saturday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.: Main Library, 800 Vine Street (downtown)

Graphic Storytelling

Screening of *Stories* followed by a conversation with graphic novelist David Mack focused on the ways he uses art to tell stories. Conversation led by Steve Ramos, art and film writer.

Cost: Free.

Reservations: (513) 369-6955

May 14, 4:00 p.m.: Dayton, Kentucky Branch YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, 625 Second Street, Dayton, Kentucky

Exploring Memory and Time Through Traditional African Art

Screening of *Memory and Time* followed by performance and conversation with Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre focused on the ideas of memory and time in the context of African art and culture.

Cost: Free.

Reservations: (859) 291-0490

Art:21 – A Cincinnati Five-Way is made possible with the support of the Corporation for Public Programming. *Art:21 - A Cincinnati Five-Way* is a partnership between the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, the Art Library at College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning at the University of Cincinnati, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati and the Contemporary Arts Center. For more information, visit www.art21.org.

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