



Celebrations with heART Signature Arts Activities

Looking for a unique, fun experience that deepens the significance of your special occasion – and will make it one to remember?

With Kennedy Heights Arts Center's *Celebrations with heART*, you and your guests will participate in a one-of-a-kind, 45-90 minute group activity, created and led by artists, while celebrating in KHAC's beautiful Lindner Event Center. Choose from signature arts experiences in visual art, dance or music. Our professional artists will work with you to customize the activity to fit your special occasion. All activities are suitable for participants of varying ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Visual art with Radha Lakshmi

Inspired by the traditional domestic rituals of South Asia, you and your guests will mark your special occasion through the creation of a beautiful, temporary, giant mandala—existing only for this event.

Radha Lakshmi is an interdisciplinary artist whose contemporary artwork emerges from the Feminine and the Earth and women's ritual arts from the south of India. Radha has a Masters of Fine Art from the University of Wisconsin and a BFA from the Art Academy of Cincinnati. Her span of experience and content reaches from the folklore traditions of Southern India to the Indigenous Art of Northern Territory of Australia and to traditional and contemporary printmaking. Her work is in national and international museum collections. She currently lives in Cincinnati and teaches Creating Sacred Spaces workshops through art and meditation for children and adults.

Dance with Michelle Morano

Celebrate your special day by moving together, based on the processes of modern dance that are inspired by everyday movements—interactive, playful, thoughtful and deeply poignant.

Michelle Morano graduated with honors from Ohio University School of Dance. Since 2000, she has worked with such choreographers as Diane Germaine, Kelly Gottesman, Linda Reiff and Cheryl Wallace. Michelle was a dancer, workshop leader and co-collaborator, in Fanchon Shur's FLIGHT, FIGHT, FREEZE! project (2001-2003). Since 2001, Michelle has been a dancer and choreographer with the Secret Commonwealth Folk Dance Opera projects, founded by Dan

Dutton. In addition Michelle has worked with various companies including Mind Collision Dance Company, Pilobolus, Shawn Womack Dance Company, Village Productions Contemporary Ballet Company, Mark Taylor Dance Company and Liz Lerman.

Visual art and spontaneous play with Karen Saunders

The Bluebird of Happiness leads you and your guests in the making of artwork to be used as props and costumes, culminating in a joyful photo shoot that engages all participants and provides a lasting memento of your special occasion.

With an MA in studio ceramics and a BFA from the University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee, Karen Saunders' passion for art and performance comes from her experience as a founding member of the Bombshells of Cincinnati, a fiber arts collective. Known for their blonde wigs, sunglasses, the extreme fiber arts skills, the Bombshells bring energy and meaningful interactions to a variety of events. Karen creates excitement and enthusiasm with unique props and costumes and a joyous persona. Other collaborative performance platforms include the Carnegie Art Center's Art of Food and most recently an appearance in the KHAC's Raise the Heights parade.

Music with Liz Wu

Celebrate with the power of percussion. Liz will guide you and your guests in the transformation of ordinary household objects into extraordinary objects of percussion and then lead you in a group rhythmic music making experience.

Liz Wu is a professional musician with a BA in Jazz Performance from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She has performed and recorded with numerous groups since 2002, including but not limited to: Poco Loco, Acarya, Wabi Sabi Jazz Experiment, Orquesta Kandela, The Three Casseroles, Nakama, Toca Madera and MUSE Women's Choir. She is also an event producer, writer and music instructor with a passion for bringing community together through the arts and is experienced in facilitating music programs for all ages (toddlers through seniors) and ability levels.

Visual art with Kate Ball

Your guests will work in teams to create stop-motion animated videos personalized to celebrate your event and perfect for uploading and sharing on Vine.

As a visual artist with an MFA in New Media from UC, MA in printmaking from Eastern Illinois University and a BFA in printmaking from Ohio Wesleyan University, Kate Ball makes stop-motion animations using her etchings and collagraphs, found images and objects. Her materials can include fabric, fake fingernails, shrimp and animal cookies. She teaches printmaking at the University of Cincinnati and is a new artist in the Ohio Arts Council Artist in Residence program, available for residencies in schools and other non-profits around the state.

For more information about scheduling a Celebration with heART, contact Dominique Springs at dominique@kennedyarts.org or 513.508.2229