



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, group activity, created and led by professional artists, while celebrating in KHAC's beautiful Lindner Event Center. Choose from signature arts experiences in visual art, dance or music. All activities are suitable for participants of all ages and abilities. No experience necessary!

Mandala 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. Cost: \$45 per person/ 20 person minimum

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.

Fashion Challenge with Karen Saunders

Have your own fashion challenge! You and your guests will work in teams to create unique wearable outfits using only simple materials and your creativity. The evening will culminate in a joyful fashion show that provides a lasting memento of your special occasion. Cost: \$35 per person/ 20 person minimum

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.

World Percussion with Baba Charles Miller

Celebrate with the power of percussion in a group rhythmic music making experience. You and your guests will play African or Latin rhythms using traditional hand instruments such as shakers, bells and drums. Baba Charles weaves information about the cultural history of the instruments and music into expert quick group lessons that will have you all playing *together* in no time.

Cost: \$35 per person/ 20 person minimum

Charles Miller has been “marching with many different drums” for over thirty years. A founding member of Drums for Peace, this nationally recognized multi-percussionist seasons a rhythm with international flavors using instruments from Cuba, Brazil, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. A versatile percussionist, he’s toured with Malian drum master Yaya Diallo and performed with the legendary Cuban Ensemble Afro-Cuba de Matanzas.

Stop-motion Animation with Kate Ball

Your guests will work in teams to create stop-motion animated videos with paper images and found objects, personalized to celebrate your event and perfect for uploading and sharing on social media.

Cost: \$35 per person/ 20 person minimum

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.

Modern 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.

Cost: \$35 per person/ 20 person minimum

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.

For more information about scheduling a Celebration with heART, contact Ellen Muse-Lindeman at ellen@kennedyarts.org or 513.631.4278.