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Taft Museum of Art Annual Fundraiser Raises Over \$160k to Support Education Programs

CINCINNATI—June 28, 2021—The Taft Museum of Art welcomed audiences to experience *Tables of the Taft*, an exciting new take on the museum’s annual fundraiser June 2 and June 3, 2021. The event was inspired by the special exhibition *Walk This Way | Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes* (February 24–June 6, 2021). The event raised over \$160,000 to support the Taft’s educational and outreach programs.

The two-day event included imaginative table-scapes created by the region’s top designers and artists. Located in the museum’s historic garden, ten tables inspired attendees with their unique ties to the special exhibition. Designers included Anne Bortz and Kathy Drew; Chrissie Blatt Creative; Elegant Events by Elisa; EVA & Co. Events; Evolo Design; Nancy Fehr; Hey Michelle; Interiors by Kurtinitis; Robin Wood Flowers, and *The Scout Guide Cincinnati*.

“Thanks to our designers, audiences were dazzled by creativity from a 1940’s baseball-themed table inspired by the exhibition’s *Spectator Pumps Signed by the Yankees* to a table as remarkable as Cinderella’s “*Glass Slippers*.” Cincinnati’s philanthropic community also helped secure a bright future for the Taft Museum of Art’s education and outreach programs, fostering the next generation of artists and art lovers.”—Jennifer Horvath, director of development

The funds raised from the event help support the Taft’s many free programs such as Art for All, Artists Reaching Classrooms. To learn more about the Taft’s education and outreach programs visit taftmuseum.org/families-children and taftmuseum.org/teachers-schools.

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Anne and Jim Shanahan, Jane and Jon Votel, and Ginger and David Warner. *Lace-up Boot* event sponsors included Cincinnati Art Galleries | David and Debra Hausrath, Sankhya Jejurikar, John and Madeline Lawrence, Vicky and Rick Reynolds, Kathy and Dave Schmitt, and Skyline Eastgate. In-kind support was provided by The BonBonerie, Fitz the Occasion, and Kendrick & O'Dell.

The Sutphin Family Foundation sponsored the exhibition, *Walk This Way | Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes* with additional support generously provided by the Ellen and George Rieveschl Endowment, the Warrington Exhibition Endowment, the Chellgren Family Endowment, and the Sallie Robinson Wadsworth Endowment for Exhibitions, Hyperdrive, and Storyocity. Operating support is provided by the museum's season funders ArtsWave, the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation and the Ohio Arts Council; the Western & Southern Financial Fund enables the museum to offer free admission.

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ABOUT THE TAFT MUSEUM OF ART

The Taft Museum of Art is a living landmark tucked away in downtown Cincinnati, where art and history lives on the walls—and *in* the walls. Built around 1820 as a private home for several of Cincinnati's most prominent citizens, the Taft Museum of Art is now one of the finest small art museums in America and holds National Historic Landmark status for its historic house and Duncanson murals.