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## Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Cincinnati Opera at the Cincinnati Art Museum

Arts organizations come together to honor the life of Frida Kahlo

**CINCINNATI**—Join the Cincinnati Art Museum Emerging Leaders Council and Cincinnati Opera Center Stage in celebrating the life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. With a festive evening of Mexican cuisine from Mazunte, music and dancing on Cinco de Mayo (**Friday, May 5**) from 6–9 p.m. at the Cincinnati Art Museum, *Viva la Frida* is going to be a fiesta!

Guests are invited to pay tribute to the vibrant life of Frida Kahlo in preparation for Cincinnati Opera's company premiere of *Frida* in June. The Cinco de Mayo-inspired festivities include self-guided tours through Cincinnati Art Museum's special exhibitions and exclusive after-hours access to the museum's permanent collection.

Tickets are \$5 in advance at <u>cincinnatiopera.org/calendar/2017/5/5/viva-la-frida</u> or call 513-768-5520; \$10 at the door. Free parking. All bars and food vendors will accept both cash and credit cards. Must be 21 or older to purchase tickets.

### About Cincinnati Opera's Frida production

Based on the life of iconic Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Robert Xavier Rodríguez's 1991 opera is as "emphatic and bold" (*Opera News*) as the artist herself. Cincinnati Opera's production was celebrated by the *Detroit Free Press* for its "dramatic intensity and immediacy." Singing the title role is Catalina Cuervo, whose performance won rave reviews: "Cuervo doesn't just play the role, she embodies it. Never was there any doubt that she was Kahlo personified" (*The Detroit News*). Cincinnati Opera presents *Frida* at the Aronoff Center for the Arts June 23, 25, 27, 29, July 1, 6 & 8.

### About Cincinnati Opera

Founded in 1920 and the second oldest opera company in the nation, Cincinnati Opera presents a thrilling season of grand opera every June and July. The company's repertoire includes beloved classics and contemporary masterworks brought to life by some of the world's most dynamic performers and creative teams. <u>cincinnatiopera.org</u>

### About the Cincinnati Art Museum

General admission to the Cincinnati Art Museum is always free. The museum is open Tuesday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. with extended Thursday hours until 8 p.m. The Cincinnati Art Museum is supported by ArtsWave, the Ohio Arts Council, the City of Cincinnati and our members. <u>cincinnatiartmuseum.org</u>