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Cincinnati Art Museum recognizes Alice Weston with 2017 Cincinnati Art Award

CINCINNATI— Alice Weston received Cincinnati Art Museum's 2017 Cincinnati Art Award for her lifetime contribution to the arts in Cincinnati and beyond. The museum honored Weston at its annual Director's Circle Dinner on April 26.

Weston is a renowned Cincinnati contemporary art collector, educator, collaborator and artist, who, along with her late husband, Harris, created an ongoing legacy of philanthropy and support of the arts in Cincinnati.

Cameron Kitchin, the museum's Louis and Louise Dieterle Nippert Director said, "The Cincinnati Art Museum is proud to recognize Alice for her decades of generosity and civic vision in the arts. Her commitment to the museums and cultural institutions of Cincinnati, and the artists of our time, has made an indelible impact on our city. Alice is an inspiration to us all."

At the Cincinnati Art Museum, Weston is a current Trustee, a member of the Director's Circle of the Founders Society, New Century Society, and Shareholder. Cincinnati Art Museum's Gallery 303 is named The Alice F. and Harris K. Weston Gallery in honor of the Westons, who have supported the museum's contemporary collection since the late 1980s.

Weston is a lifetime member of the Contemporary Art Center's board of trustees and a member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's board of overseers. She is namesake of the Alice F. and Harris K. Weston Art Gallery at the Aronoff, which has showcased contemporary art for more than 20 years.

In 1969, as an art patron of John Cage while he was the composer-in-residence at the University of Cincinnati, Weston prompted Cage to create his first visual artwork, *Not Wanting to Say Anything About Marcel*. Since that time, Weston has connected artists, collectors, composers, musicians and art patrons in innumerable ways. One of Weston's landmark collaborative pieces, the video work *Crystal Clues to the Sublime*, is part of the permanent collection of the Cincinnati Art Museum. Weston is a graduate of Vassar College and the University of Cincinnati's DAAP graduate program.

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About the Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum is supported by the generosity of individuals and businesses that give annually to ArtsWave. The Ohio Arts Council helps fund the Cincinnati Art Museum with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The Cincinnati Art Museum gratefully acknowledges operating support from the City of Cincinnati, as well as our members.

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. cincinnatiartmuseum.org.