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## COVER STORY

# **Cirque du Soleil returns to Cincinnati!**

Cincinnati on May 9 through 12, 2024.

#### About Corteo

Corteo, which means "cortege" in Italian, is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown. The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy, and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between heaven and earth.

#### The Stage

Set Designer Jean Rabasse has divided the Venue and its rotating stage in tow, with each half of the audience facing the other half, so they see not only the performance, but also have a performer's eye view of the audience. This is a first for Cirque du Soleil.

When it comes to the visuals of the stage, it was a visit to the exhibition "The Great Parade: Portrait of the Artist as Clown" at the national Gallery of Canada that inspired Jean Rabasse to paint the CORTEO Procession on the curtains. His design was influenced by the work of such painters as Willette, Picasso, Tiepolo, Pelez, and Knight.

#### The Costumes

To create over 260 costumes for Corteo's cast, Costume Designer Dominique Lemieux set out to accentuate the natural beauty of the artists. She used more than a hundred different fabrics and trims, concentrating on a subtle color palette that includes blues, pinks, fuchsia, and gold with appliquéd spangles and jewels.

Most of the fabrics were dyed, sublimated, and silk screen printed to give them a patina of age while retaining the attributes necessary for high-performance acrobatics.

#### More about Corteo

Corteo first premiered in Montreal in 2005 and has visited more than 60 cities in 19 different countries as a Big Top show before transforming to an arena show in 2016. More than 9 million people have been enthralled by the world of Corteo.

Don't miss Corteo in Cincinnati, OH at Heritage bank Center from May 9th through May 12th. Get your tickets to Corteo online at www.cirquedusoleil.com/corteo.

# WHAT'S GOING ON IN MAY

#### ARONOFF CENTER FOR THE ARTS

650 Walnut Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-621-2787 [ARTS] Six: 4/23-5/5 Children of Eden: 4/26-5/4 Clue: 5/14-5/19 Sex N' The City: A (Super Unauthorized) Musical Parody: 5/19 Mutual Dance Theatre: Modern Mix '24: 5/31-6/1 On With the Show! 5/31-6/8

#### **ART BEYOND BOUNDARIES**

1410 Main Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-421-8726 Ides of Spring: 4/1-5/13

#### **BOGART'S**

2621 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH 45219 513-872-8801 The 520S Great American Road Trip: 5/1 Hot Water Music 30th Anniversary Tour: 5/3 Wakaan Expansion Tour: 5/5 Stiff Little Fingers: 5/7 Thievery Corporation: 5/9 City Morgue: 5/11 Our Last Night Presents - The Covers Only Tour 2024: 5/12 Symphony X: 5/16 Saxon and Uriah Heep: 5/17 Munchies and Mimosas! America's Biggest Hip Hop & R&B Brunch!: 5/18 Alpha Wolf: Half Living Things: 5/21 Kamelot: 5/23 Big Bubble Rave 18+: 5/24 Cin City Burlesque 18+: 5/25 Gasolina: Reggaeton Party 18+: 5/31

#### **CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM**

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513-721-ARTS (2787) Whitfield Lovell: Passages: 3/1-5/26 Accessible Expressions Ohio: 3/29-5/12 From Shanghai to Ohio: Woo Chong Yung: 5/10-8/18

#### CINCINNATI BALLET COMPANY

1555 Central Parkway Cincinnati, OH 45214 513-621-5219 Playlist: 5/10-5/12

#### **CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER**

1301 Western Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45203 513-287-7000 Pompeii The Exhibition: now open through 7/28

#### CINCINNATI PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK

962 Mt. Adams Circle Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-421-3888 (Box Office) The Chosen: 4/13-5/12 Vietgone: 5/1-5/31

#### CINCINNATI SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

719 Race Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-381-2273 Much Ado About Nothing: 4/12-5/5 The Play That Goes Wrong: 5/24-6/16 Revel and Rollick: 5/31

#### CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

1241 Elm Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 General Information: 513-621-1919 or Box Office: 513-381-3300 Beethoven Symphony No. 7 & Dessner Premieres: 5/3-5/4 Louis' Grand Finale: 5/10-5/12

#### **FC CINCINNATI**

vs. Atlanta: 5/15 vs. St. Louis: /18 vs. Nashville: 5/29

#### **CINCINNATI ZOO**

3400 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45220 513-281-4700 Zoo Babies: 5/1-5/31

#### CONTEMPORARY

ARTS CENTER 44 E. 6th St. Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-345-8400 Jayson Musson: His History of Art: 4/5-9/8 Shapes of Connection: The Lines of Our Identity: 5/1-5/19 2024 School Outreach Program Student Work: 5/2-5/19 AfroSwag: 5/25-6/24

#### ENSEMBLE THEATRE CINCINNATI

1127 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-421-3555 The Match Game: 4/13-5/5

#### **GO BANANAS COMEDY CLUB**

8410 Market Place Lane Cincinnati, OH 45242 513-984-9288 Cincy Showcase: 5/2-5/5 Chad Daniels: 5/10-5/11 Eddie Ifft: 5/16-5/17 Wayne Memmott: 5/19 Andy Haynes: 5/23-5/25 Jimmy Pardo: 5/30

#### HERITAGE BANK CENTER

100 Broadway Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-421-4111 Tom Segura-Come Together: 5/4 Cirque du Soleil Presents Corteo: 5/9-5/12

## WHAT'S GOING ON

#### **KROHN CONSERVATORY**

1501 Eden Park Drive Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-421-4086 Butterflies in Space: 5/11-8/18

#### **MUSIC HALL**

1241 Elm St. Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-621-2787 (ARTS) Ghost Hall Tours of Music Hall: 2/1-5/8 Bricks & Beer: Cincinnati Music Hall History and Hops: 2/29-5/30 Power to Pursue: 5/10 The Creation: 5/17 Anthems: 5/18 Voices of the Earth: 5/23 Her Story: 5/25

## NANCY AND DAVID WOLF HOLOCAUST & HUMANITY CENTER

1301 Western Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45203 513-487-3055 Weekly Holocaust Speaker Series via Zoom every Wednesday at 11:00am: https://www.holocaustandhumanity.org/speaker-series/ 2024 Yom HaShoah Commemoration: 5/5 The Legacy of Rescue: A Conversation Between Descendants Chihiro Sugihara & Sonia Milrod: 5/6 Little Acts, Big Impact: Mini Upstander Play Sessions with the Children's Theatre: 5/11

#### **RIVERBEND MUSIC CENTER**

6295 Kellogg Ave Cincinnati, OH 45230 (513) 232-6220 Brit Floyd: 5/18 21 Savage: American Dream Tour: 5/22 Walker Hayes: 5/30

#### TAFT MUSUEM OF ART

316 Pike St. Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-241-0343 Trading Places: The Rijksmuseum Lends Rare Painting to the Taft Museum of Art: now to 6/16/24 African Modernism in America: 2/10-5/19 A Breath of Fresh Air: 2/17-5/19

#### 2024 SCHEDULE

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HOME AWAY

#### TAFT THEATER

317 E. 5th St. Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-232-6220 Superfreak: The Rick James Story: 5/1 Desi Banks: 5/3 Kathy Griffin: 5/4 Obsessed Presents: The Bald & The Beautiful Live: 5/9 Sesame Street Live!: 5/11 Ali Siddiq: 5/18 Wheel of Fortune Live!: 5/22 Ms. Pat: Ya Girl Done Made It: 5/31

#### WESTON ART GALLERY

650 Walnut St. Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-977-4165 A New World: Ohio Women to Watch 2023: 4/5-6/9

## CONVENTIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon Expo

Duke Energy Convention Center 525 Elm St. Cincinnati, OH 5/3-5/5

#### Cincinnati GeoFair

Sharonville Convention Center 11355 Chester Road Cincinnati, OH 5/4-5/5

#### **Cincy Cinco**

Fountain Square 520 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH 5/4-5/5

**Cinco De Mayo at the Banks** The Banks 120 & 121 E. Freedom Way Cincinnati, OH 5/5

#### **Cin City Reptile Show**

Holiday Inn West 5800 Muhlhauser Rd West Chester, OH 5/5

#### **Asian Americans and Pacific**

Islanders Heritage Festival Fountain Square 520 Vine St. Cincinnati, OH 5/11

#### The City Flea

Washington Park 1230 Elm St. Cincinnati, OH 5/11

#### Unicorn World

Duke Energy Convention Center 525 Elm St. Cincinnati, OH 5/11-5/12

#### MaiFest

Goebel Park 526 Philadelphia St. Covington, KY 5/17-5/19

#### **Outdoor Health & Wellness**

Fair 652 Rockdale Ave. Cincinnati, OH 5/18

#### **Taste of Cincinnati**

Fifth Street/Downtown Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH 5/25-5/27

#### **Cincy Fringe Theater Festival**

Fringe HQ/Know Theatre of Cincinnati 1120 Jackson St. Cincinnati, OH 5/31-6/15

#### **CincItalia Festival**

Harvest Home Park 3961 North Bend Rd. Cincinnati, OH 5/31-6/2

#### Summerfair Cincinnati

Coney Island 6201 Kellogg Ave. Cincinnati, OH 5/31-6/2









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# Go to Louisville for a weekend getaway!

e were looking for a little something different to do for two days. That's it....Louisville! Threw some clothes in the car and my man, grabbed two friends, and off we went!

In a quick one and a half hours, we made it. The perfect distance for 36 hours in Louisville.

First stop was Old Carter Whiskey Co. I met Sherri Carter (Dobay) at Bourbon Classic a few years ago. We became instant friends and I knew we would meet again someday! She has taken Old Carter Whiskey Co. to new heights! Seriously, the experience was wonderful. Her bourbons are a different level. If you've never had them, you MUST give them a try. Sherri gave us a tour of her private Old Carter Social Club. A "members only" club that is impeccably furnished with a wood and chandelier vibe. New releases can be purchased through the private club membership....it's exclusive and worth it. The Old Carter Social Club was created to offer members exclusive access to special Club releases, as well as provide a swanky, private downtown Louisville location to sit and enjoy complimentary tastings with the Old Carter team. Members may bring up to five guests for a tasting. The program is by appointment only, ensuring one-on-one hospitality. Sherri is also an artist which definitely adds to her depth of knowledge in the arts and knowledge of bourbon making. If you would like to become a member, e-mail her at sherri@oldcarterwhiskeyco.com to be added to the waitlist for club membership.

Next stop: Buzzard's Roost Whiskey Row experience, a newer distiller located in the heart of downtown Louisville. I noticed a man in a cowboy hat with a big smile on his face and walked right over to him and introduced myself. Yep, it was one of the owners, Jason Brauner. Jason is passionate about his bourbons (and his restaurant, Bourbon's Bistro!). This was a fun and informative tour and tasting and a bit of a different facility than so many of the others! Bourbons with a bit of spice would be my description, similar to describing Jason, the owner! Upon his recommendation and enthusiasm, we headed over to Bourbon's Bistro for dinner. Home cooking "farm to table" with a twist! It was so good!

My number one choice for accommodations in Louisville is always the Seelbach Hilton, located downtown. Rich in history, grand, and the Rookwood rathskeller in the lower level is just spectacular old style with updates for accommodations. A grand hotel in the best location!

Sunday morning was our version of Derby day! We headed over to the Kentucky Derby Museum located at Churchill Downs. I have never been in all my trips to Louisville, and what have I been missing! We ALL loved

it! Following the tour was a 360° in the round film that made you feel as if you were standing amongst all of the stunning race horses. Staring in awe at the rolling green hills, watching the horses gallop and frolic (ponies too!), all-around history in the making. Kentucky Derby magic. As this year is the 150th anniversary of the Run for the Roses, the spirit was in the air. After the film, we were escorted into the stands at the track. A vibe. A pulse. Our wonderful tour guide fully embodied the passion of the Kentucky Derby and the grandness of Churchill Downs. We did make a quick stop at the gift shop and purchased several fun items, including sweatshirts, hats, and cool posters from the past commemorating previous races.

This was a stop that is absolutely a must if you're heading to Louisville!

Next, we headed to Louisville Mega Cavern which is a 100 acre limestone cavern capable of shrugging off a 260-mph tornado and boasts a constant 58-degree temperature. The cavern under the Louisville Zoo has remained

virtually dormant since the last load of limestone was mined nearly 20 years ago to build bridges and roads across the Midwest.



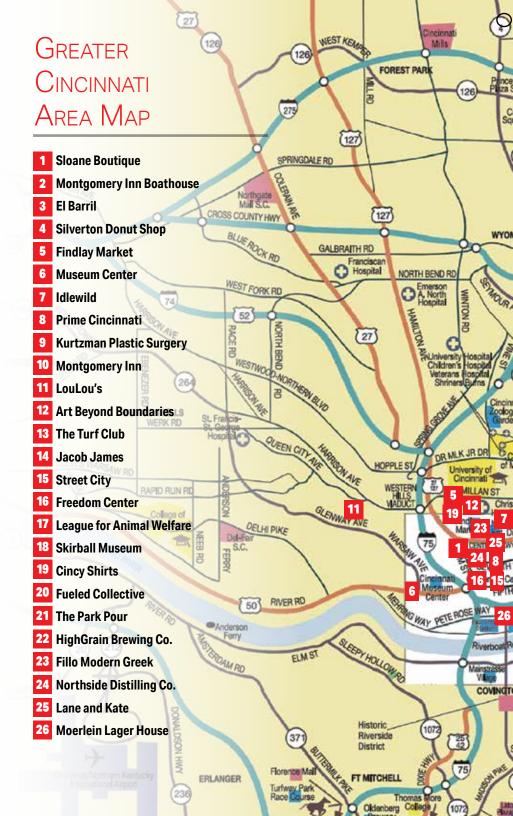
We did the Mega Tram. The Historic Tram Tour will take you on an underground adventure rich in history, geology, mining, recycling, green building technology, and is just simply HUGE in scale!

Next time we will definitely do the Mega Zips Course which is zip lines weaving through the cavern!

One more stop to go....the Stitzel-Weller Distillery. We did the Progressive Walking tour and taste. It was a stunning day and the perfect backdrop to see the grounds, Rickhouses, and facilities! Stitzel-Weller is located in Shively, a suburb of Louisville.

The facility initially served as the home of the Bulleit Frontier Whiskey Experience as part of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Now home to Diageo brands Blade and Bow, I.W. Harper and Orphan Barrel, Stitzel–Weller Distillery serves as a monument to the fathers of bourbon and an important part of Kentucky's bourbon history. Five brass keys once hung on the door of the legendary Distillery. Discover what these keys represent for Blade and Bow Bourbon and the history of whiskey when you visit.

I treasure my weekend getaways, Louisville is always such a great time with adventure, dining and tasting! Thank you "Go to Louisville" for planning the perfect trip!





# Downtown Cincinnati Area Map

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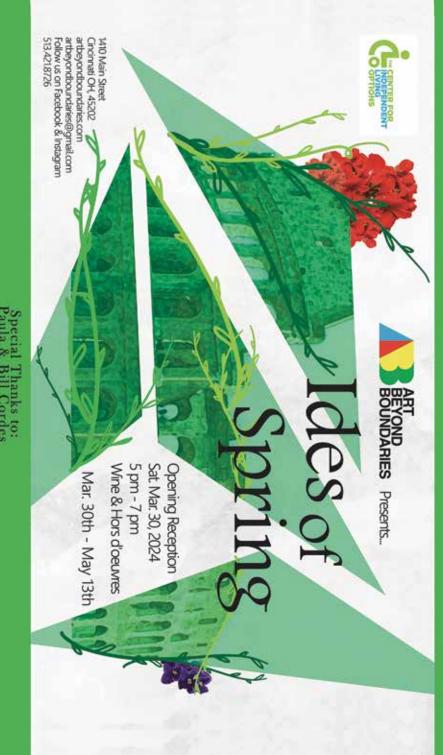
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