Community Created

Cincinnati is home to a vibrant and growing art scene. Several of our local artist choose a theme inspired by the Clinical Science Building and created unique works of art featuring their theme.

A collaborative project between Cincinnati Children’s, Kolar Design and the Art Academy of Cincinnati, Community Education Department with artists Beth Himsworth, Gayla Hodson, Susan Mahan, Cynthia Lockhart, Lisa Molyeaux, Ruth Wartman
Inside Cells, Inside Us

This series of fanciful, colorful mosaic works represent the components of cellular structures and forms that unite us as one global family. During workshops with the artist, Cincinnati Children’s staff and researchers depicted cellular structures from tissue paper and modeling clay.

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Organic Forms

Within all aspects of the natural world, beautiful, harmonious forms exist. Within this series of colorful acrylic and oil paintings, the interconnections of plant matter and cellular structures are explored. During art making workshops, Cincinnati Children’s research staff painted beautiful cellular structures on a large canvas. These paintings inspired the composition of Gayla Hodson’s final works by interweaving the cellular structures’ gestural forms with elements of nature.

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Global Garden

The global landscape includes plant and animal life from around the world and is represented within this series. During art making workshops, Cincinnati Children’s research staff created photo transfers of imagery that depicted their view of the global garden—a place of respite, relaxation, and rejuvenation. The imagery was then transferred onto canvas and layered into the final works.

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Circles of Communication

Communication, listening, and responding to each other are at the heart of patient-centered research. During art making workshops, narrative sessions were conducted with Cincinnati Children’s research staff, to explore the research process and key words that influence them and their work. Each participant created fiber works that were incorporated into the final quilts.

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Universal Loves

No matter our location around the globe, as a human family, we share many common bonds that connect and unite us, such as the things that we love and cherish. During art making sessions, Cincinnati Children’s research staff created individual collage works representing their unique, universal loves whose themes were incorporated into the final works. The comfort of being with family, cultural traditions and cuisine, and native landscapes were commonly portrayed.

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Natural Healing

Triumph over disease is universally something to celebrate. This piece features a landscape damaged by drought, fire and disease, now blooming and vibrant with life. As in the natural cycle of rejuvenation, these works represent hopefulness, health and healing.

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Patterns & Connections

Constant, recurring patterns throughout nature connect and shape our global village. The collection and clustering of small things create the big picture; passages and pathways are what connect us to each other. During art making workshops, Cincinnati Children’s research staff inspired by natural materials, sketched with pastel and charcoal on the canvases. These markings, combined with the artist’s layering, create unique works that represent many hands coming together to create pathways of connection.

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