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**The Contemporary Dayton
Announces New Fundraising Exhibition and Event
In Small Measure, February 13-14, 2026
Preview Party and Live Sale, February 13, 2026**

DAYTON (December 15, 2025) – The Contemporary Dayton is proud to announce *In Small Measure*, a bold new fundraising exhibition and sale taking place February 13–14, 2026. This creative initiative brings together hundreds of original 4 x 6-inch artworks donated by artists from Dayton and across the country—each one available for a flat \$100, and offered anonymously until after purchase.

Collectors and art lovers will experience an installation of postcard-sized works that erase hierarchy and celebrate discovery. The event aims to raise \$10,000 to help sustain The Contemporary Dayton’s mission during a particularly challenging time for arts organizations and small nonprofits.

***In Small Measure* Opens with Two Special Ticketed Events — Friday, February 13, 2026**

Preview Party

5:30–7 pm

Tickets: \$135 per duo

Guests receive first access to the full installation and the earliest opportunity to scope out artworks before the live sale begins.

Live Sale Event

7–9 pm

Tickets: \$35 per person

The main event—high-energy, fast-paced, and a new way to support The Contemporary Dayton. Join the Live Sale Event for \$35 per person. Sale starts at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for both events are available at codayton.org/in-small-measure/ and at the door the evening of the event.

Public Sale — Free Admission

Saturday, February 14, 2026 | 11 am–6 pm

Free & Open to All. Any remaining artworks from *In Small Measure* will be available to purchase by the public.

Call for Artists

Artists of all backgrounds and media are invited to contribute an original 4 x 6-inch artwork (unframed and unmatted). Eligible media include drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, collage, sculpture, textile, or mixed media—so long as the piece is original and reflects the artist's hand. All artists must complete the online submission form at codayton.org/events/calls-for-entry/

Supporting The Contemporary Dayton's Mission

Funds raised through *In Small Measure* directly support The Contemporary Dayton's commitment to championing emerging, mid-career, and historically underrepresented artists—especially those addressing urgent social issues—while ensuring that all exhibitions and programs remain free and accessible to the public. Through exhibitions, talks, publications, and its digital archive, The Contemporary Dayton's amplifies artists' voices and connects Ohio to the national and global contemporary art landscape.

"In Small Measure is a powerful reminder that scale doesn't determine significance," said Heather Jones, Curator and Director of Programs and Engagement at The Contemporary Dayton. "Through small, intentional acts—one artwork, one purchase—we sustain the vital work of ensuring that contemporary art and ideas remain free and accessible for all."

To participate, purchase tickets, or learn more, visit www.codayton.org.

ALL PROGRAMS TAKE PLACE AT THE CONTEMPORARY DAYTON

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2025-2026 OPERATING SUPPORT DONORS

The Wiletha McGuire Family, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Culture Works, The Dayton Foundation, The Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Ohio Arts Council, The Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, and our Members.

GALLERY & CoSHOP HOURS

Wednesday–Saturday 11 am–6 pm

Closed Sunday–Tuesday

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ABOUT THE CONTEMPORARY DAYTON

Advancing art for the community and a community for artists since 1991.

The Contemporary Dayton is the region's contemporary art center. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, The Contemporary Dayton produces and presents ART EXHIBITIONS, ARTIST TALKS, and PUBLIC ART by local, national, and global creatives and makers, and is ALWAYS FREE & OPEN TO ALL. As a non-collecting art center, The Contemporary Dayton is one of 45 non-collecting art centers and museums across North America that specialize in presenting modern and contemporary art.

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