

FotoFocus reveals plans for new center

FotoFocus, the Cincinnati-based nonprofit that champions photography and lens-based art, will open a new arts center by 2024.

The two-story, 14,700-square-foot FotoFocus Center, at 228 E. Liberty Street, will present a wide range of curated exhibitions, educational events and film screenings each year, furthering FotoFocus's mission of enriching the public's understanding of photography.

The center marks a major milestone for FotoFocus, which has previously relied on partnerships with local venues. Since it was founded in 2010, it has established a reputation as one of the country's leading photography organizations through signature programming like the FotoFocus Biennial – America's largest photography biennial, returning in October 2022 – the FotoFocus Symposium and FotoFocus Talks Series.

FotoFocus has awarded nearly 600 grants to regional arts organizations and provided them with \$800,000 worth of direct aid during the early days of the COVID-19 crisis.

The center will consist of two galleries totalling 4,500 square feet; an 835-square-foot outdoor terrace on the upper level, providing additional space for patrons to gather; and 2,200



Interior and exterior renderings of the FotoFocus Center by Jose Garcia Design + Construction. The new arts center on the corner of Liberty and Sycamore is scheduled to open by 2024.

square feet of office space on the upper level. Local architecture studio Jose Garcia Design + Construction is designing the building.

Exhibitions will be open to the public, with free admission for many events.

→ www.fotofocus.org



'Sonder' exhibition coming to Baker Hunt

Through Friday, May 13, Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center, Covington

Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center will display "Sonder," an exhibition highlighting the recent work of Alissa Ohashi.

Ohashi is a lens-based, mixed media artist from Columbus. She explores the idea of "sonder" – the realization that each individual is living their own unique life where they are the main character – through her late grandmother's family archive.

The exhibition is free, but visitors must reserve a spot to view the exhibition. Baker Hunt is dedicated to changing lives through art education and community. The organization offers professional instruction, serving more than 3,500 people through art classes and workshops each year.

→ www.bakerhunt.org





◆ Alissa Ohashi,

"A Quarantine

Dream (31 of 40)"



▲Alissa Ohashi, "Family Dream (8 of 12)"

◀Alissa Ohashi, "Green Car"