

## **Listen**

Caroline Woolard

Cincy Stories / Cincinnati Union Co-op Initiative (CUCI) / Heartfelt Tidbits / MORTAR

Artist Caroline Woolard has created a set of “listening objects” for four local organizations making contributions to both the economic and socio-cultural health of the city. In ongoing collaboration with MORTAR and Cincy Stories, Cincinnati Union Co-op Initiative (CUCI), and Heartfelt Tidbits, Woolard has designed multi-functional items in response to the character, activities and needs of each respective organization. They will operate simultaneously as art and beyond art – living as catalysts for organizations making an impact in Cincinnati to better hear, act, and be heard. These works will split time between being housed in these organizations, as well as in shared public spaces like libraries, community centers and galleries. As they circulate people can interact with and utilize these objects as platforms to speak, share, connect, and learn more about these artists, entrepreneurs and organizations making Cincinnati better through listening.

Caroline Woolard (b.1984 Providence, Rhode Island) is an artist, professor, theorist and writer who lives and works in New York. She co-creates objects, projects and collectives at the intersection of art, economy, and technology – focusing especially on forms of monetary and non-monetary exchange. Aiming to build solidarity amongst individuals and organizations, she connects elements of sculpture and design with storytelling and dialogue.

This program is funded by a grant from The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation. It is the first co-production between Wave Pool and the CAC and the inaugural effort in what both organizations hope will be a continuing program of public, participation-based projects that connect national artists with local organizations. This program aims at bringing recognized artists to Cincinnati to respond to community needs, facilitated in deep partnership with organizations and a specific neighborhood or community