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## **Bengals Kitchen & Bar at CVG kicks off football season with art activity**

Travelers invited to help complete a Bengals-themed, paint-by-numbers mural

### **Highlights:**

- Bengals season kicks off with paint-by-numbers mural experience at CVG's Bengals Kitchen & Bar
- Activity takes place Sept. 11-13 near the entrance of the restaurant in Concourse B
- Travelers and employees invited to pick up brushes and join in
- Who Dey and the Ben-Gals helped kick off the activity on Friday
- Activation is a partnership among SSP America, (the operator of Bengals Kitchen), a bourbon distillery and Paintable Pictures
- The 10-foot by 3.5-foot mural will become the property of CVG
- [B-roll and photos from Friday morning](#)

**Erlanger, Ky. (Sept. 11, 2026)** – The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region's only Bengals-themed restaurant is kicking off Bengals season with an appearance by Who Dey and the Ben-Gals and a paint-by-numbers mural experience.

Travelers and employees are invited to pick up a paint brush near the entrance of the Bengals Kitchen & Bar in Concourse B at CVG and help complete a large mural announcing "Bengals 2026 Kick Off Weekend" and featuring Paycor Stadium, the Cincinnati skyline, Bengals logos and bourbon.

"Delighting passengers and celebrating the Bengals is part of our DNA here at CVG, and we're excited to bring the two together this weekend through this mural experience," said Larry Krauter, CEO of the airport. "We're grateful to have strong partnerships with both SSP America and the Bengals as part of our strategy to deliver value for customers and build a strong sense of community at the airport. Who Dey!"

"The best part of the journey just got a little more orange and black. We had a blast joining travelers, team members, Who Dey and the Ben-Gals to help kick off Bengals season at CVG," said Paul Loupakos, Executive Vice President, Business Development, at SSP America. "Any time we can bring fans together, add a little paint, and celebrate the excitement of game day, we're all in. Who Dey!"

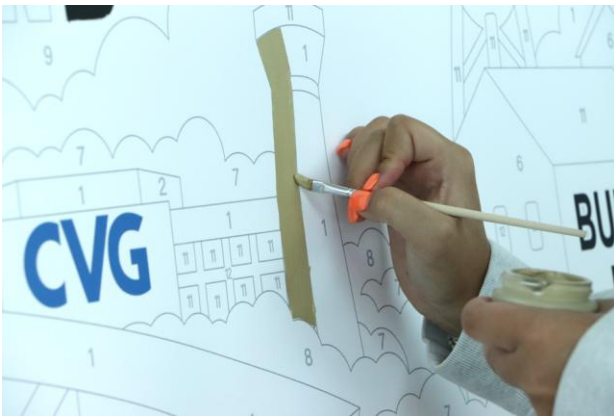
In front of Bengals Kitchen & Bar in Concourse B on Friday, Ben-Gals and the Who Dey mascot posed for photos while other passengers and airport employees painted sections of the mural. Each small container of paint was marked with a number corresponding to sections of the mural, making participation a snap.

Among those stopping for a photo on Friday were lifelong Bengals fans Vincent Galdieri and his cousin Sean Bower of New Jersey, who flew into CVG with two friends to see the kickoff game. "This is cool. I like this," Galdieri said of the warm welcome in front of Bengals Kitchen.

"We try to come out to Cincinnati once a year every year, and this year it turned out to be opening day," Galdieri said. He then offered his prediction: "I think we're going to win Sunday, and I think we're going to win the AFC this year."



Second from left: Vincent Galdieri



Artist's rendering of the mural design



## **ABOUT CVG AIRPORT**

CVG welcomed 9 million travelers in 2025. The airport offers more than 55 nonstop destinations with 14 airlines/tour operators. It is proud to serve two nonstop transatlantic flights, including London-LHR via British Airways, and Paris-CDG through Delta Air Lines. CVG is home to two global air hubs that continue to drive growth: Amazon Air's Hub and DHL Express' Global Superhub for the Americas. With an annual impact of \$10.5 billion on the local economy, the airport drives regional growth and remains a leader in aviation innovation. Learn more at [CVGairport.com](https://www.CVGairport.com)

## **ABOUT SSP AMERICA**

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Our purpose is to be the best part of the journey, and our focus is on making every journey taste better – bringing great food and welcoming hospitality to travelers across the globe. Sustainability is crucial for our long-term success, and we aim to deliver a positive impact for our business while uniting stakeholders to promote a sustainable food travel sector.