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KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES NEW PREMIER PARTNERSHIP WITH SAINT LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM

Kansas City, MO – The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts President and CEO Paul Schofer today announced a three-year premier sponsorship with Saint Luke's Health System. The partnership with the 10-hospital health system is intended to further develop both organizations' efforts to serve and enhance the lives of people in Kansas City.

Named the Premier Partner of the Kauffman Center, the support of Saint Luke's Health System will help to connect and engage visitors of the Kauffman Center in new and creative ways far beyond sponsorship branding. The partnership will support Kauffman Center programs and develop new opportunities for community engagement with the arts. "The Kauffman Center is committed to providing quality performing arts experiences for all and we are excited to work with such an established and respected Kansas City organization" said President and CEO Paul J. Schofer. "Saint Luke's Health System has an impeccable reputation for service, excellence, and improving the quality of life in our community which perfectly aligns with the level of commitment and service the Kauffman Center works to provide."

Saint Luke's Health System has provided health care and health-related services in a caring environment for more than 150 years. "Saint Luke's and Kauffman Center each strive to improve the lives of everyone in our community," said President and CEO Melinda L. Estes, M.D., "The sponsorship is a natural alignment of two iconic organizations with an undeniable commitment to Kansas City – each with a focus on quality, excellence, service, and improving the lives of the people who we serve."

The Kauffman family and Saint Luke's Health System have invested in the Kansas City community for many years. The nationally recognized Muriel I. Kauffman Women's Heart Center focuses on issues unique to women's heart health and led to the establishment of the Women's Heart Center in 1994. The same year, Muriel Kauffman, civic leader and philanthropist, shared her vision for the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts with her family and the community. After her death, her daughter and chairman of the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation, Julia Irene Kauffman, helped make the vision of a performing arts center a reality.

ABOUT SAINT LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM

[Saint Luke's Health System](#) consists of 10 area hospitals and several primary and specialty care practices, and provides a range of inpatient, outpatient, and home care services. Founded as a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, our mission includes a commitment to the highest levels of excellence in health care and the advancement of medical research and education. The health system is an aligned organization in which the physicians and hospitals assume responsibility for

enhancing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of people in the metropolitan Kansas City area and the surrounding region.

ABOUT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts – a major not-for-profit center for music, opera, theater and dance designed by Moshe Safdie – opened in 2011. Serving as a cultural cornerstone for Kansas City and the region, the Kauffman Center delivers extraordinary and diverse performing arts experiences. Honored as one of the World’s 15 Most Beautiful Concert Halls, the Kauffman Center attracts some of the world’s most renowned performers and entertainers.

Through educational outreach programs and community enrichment, the Kauffman Center supports Kansas City as a cultural destination. More information on the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is available at kauffmancenter.org.

Follow the Kauffman Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get details about upcoming performances and behind-the-scenes access.



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