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## **KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES FOR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

### **BravoKC**

*Kauffman Center Turns Five, Live!*

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts celebrates its fifth birthday with a FREE event open to all on First Friday, Sept. 2 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. **BravoKC: Kauffman Center Turns Five, Live!** will host a variety of FREE live performances on three stages, lawn games on the south lawn and activities both inside and outside the Kauffman Center. This open house shines a spotlight on all those who helped make the Kauffman Center a bridge to Kansas City's most dynamic downtown neighborhoods and a cultural cornerstone of Kansas City.

The schedule includes great local bands and an assortment of performances during an eclectic evening of entertainment. There will be performances by KC's very own Hembree, Jessica Paige, The Grisly Hand, Calvin Arsenia and special guests, The Phantastics and DJ Sheppa, who is consistently voted one of the best DJs in the city. Performances by the Kansas City Ballet Second Company, Lyric Opera of Kansas City's NEW Resident and Young Artists and members of the Kansas City Symphony will showcase the talent of Kauffman Center's resident companies. The event will also feature the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance Division of Jazz Studies, lawn games by KC Crew, a cake decorating contest, food provided by PB&J brands, specialty cocktails, unforgettable balloon structures and a fireworks display to close the evening.

"Kansas Citians have embraced the Kauffman Center as their home for the performing arts in our community since day one. We could not be more grateful. BravoKC is our way of thanking the community for the tremendous success of our first five years," stated Paul J. Schofer, President and CEO of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. "Since opening in September of 2011, more than 2 million visitors have attended an event at the Kauffman Center. We plan to continue to provide extraordinary and diverse performing arts experiences for everyone in our community and beyond for generations to come."

### **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](http://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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