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KAUFFMAN CENTER ANNOUNCES 6TH ANNUAL FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

*Free festival featuring over 650 youth performers
to be held at the Kauffman Center this June*

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is excited to announce the 6th annual free Future Stages Festival on Sunday, June 16, 2019, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., continuing the tradition of celebrating Kansas City youth and the arts.

As part of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors *Spotlight on Youth* program, the festival invites youth and community arts organizations to perform and celebrate the arts. Performers representing a wide range of cultures from the greater KC Metro area fill the Kauffman Center stages, lobby, and lawn each year during the festival.

More than 3,000 youth performers from 60 community groups have been showcased since the event's inception in 2014. The 6th festival aims to feature more performance groups and provide several new engagements and arts activities for festival guests.

"Future Stages Festival provides the opportunity for young people to experience performing on the same stages as the national and international talent that grace the Kauffman Center stages," said Paul Schofer, Kauffman Center's President and CEO. "Kauffman Center is thrilled to present Future Stages Festival as a free event to encourage all to experience the talents of the next generation of performing artists in our community."

[Click here to view images from the fifth annual Future Stages Festival in June 2018.](#)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH PERFORMERS

Applications are now open for young performers and local arts groups to be a part of the 6th annual Future Stages Festival. Community arts organizations and school programs are encouraged to apply. Performance groups should primarily consist of youth performers between the ages of 5 – 18.

Strong consideration for the festival main stages will be given to larger groups (25+). Small acts with fewer than 10 performers are encouraged to apply to perform on the outdoor Community Stage.

The deadline for performer applications is Monday, March 11, 2019.

[Performance applications and more information](#)

Future Stages Festival is presented by Premier Partner Saint Luke's Health System.

ABOUT THE OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

The Kauffman Center Open Doors program connects young people to the arts through three major components:

- The Open Doors [Spotlight on Youth](#) initiative offers year-round programs and engagement opportunities that connect young people with the Kauffman Center.
- The Open Doors [Community Tickets](#) program offers free and reduced price performance tickets to underserved audiences through local social service agencies and schools.
- The Open Doors [Transportation Fund](#) helps schools offer high quality performing arts experiences to students by eliminating or defraying the costs of bus transportation.

More information about Open Doors programs is available at: kauffmancenter.org/open-doors.

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.

Thanks to Kauffman Center Presents series sponsors for their generous support of the 2018-2019 season: Saint Luke’s Health System, PNC Bank, and Aristocrat Motors and Mercedes-Benz of Kansas City.

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