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**KAUFFMAN CENTER ANNOUNCES NINTH ANNUAL FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL**

*The free youth performing arts festival hosted by Kauffman Center returns in June 2022*

**FREE EVENT • FAMILY FRIENDLY**

# **FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL**

**JUNE 12, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**

**KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

For more information, visit  
[kauffmancenter.org/futurestages](https://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages)



Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is excited to announce the ninth annual Future Stages Festival, taking place Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At this time, it is anticipated that the festival will be held live at the Kauffman Center. However, this is subject to change. Please visit [kauffmancenter.org/futurestages](https://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages) for up-to-date information about the event.

An extension of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors *Spotlight on Youth* program, Future Stages Festival gives youth and community arts organizations the opportunity to perform and celebrate the arts on stage at the Kauffman Center. This free family-friendly community event showcases diverse youth performing arts groups across a wide variety of performance styles.

Since 2014, Futures Stages Festival has featured more than 4,000 young artists from more than 70 community groups, and approximately 20 community partners provided interactive arts activities for all. This year's festival aims to feature a diverse lineup of performances and numerous arts activities designed to engage festival attendees.

Festivals in 2020 and 2021 were presented virtually and shared video content that featured more than 1,250 youth performers. Interactive livestreams brought arts activities directly to the Kansas City community to enjoy from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

[View images from the sixth annual Future Stages Festival held on June 16, 2019.](#)

[View images from the 2021 Virtual Future Stages Festival.](#)

## CALL FOR YOUTH PERFORMER APPLICATIONS

Applications are now open for youth performers and local arts groups to be a part of the ninth 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 five and 18. Applications for large groups and small acts will be accepted.

**The deadline for performer applications is Monday, March 7, 2022.**

[Performance Applications and More Information](#)

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



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## 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](https://kauffmancenter.org/open-doors).

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