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The graphic features a purple and blue color scheme. On the left, the text reads "CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER" with a large "10" in the center. Below this, it says "future STAGES" and "FREE EVENT • FAMILY FRIENDLY JUNE 11, 2023 12:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.". On the right, there is a collage of four photos: a dancer in a colorful costume, a jazz band playing saxophones and trumpets, an orchestra performing, and two young women in green dresses dancing. A purple banner at the bottom contains the text "For more information, visit [kauffmancenter.org/futurestages](http://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages)".

**PERFORMERS SELECTED FOR 10th ANNIVERSARY  
FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL**

*Kauffman Center’s annual festival features more than 30 youth performance groups.*

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is proud to announce the line-up of performers who will take the stage during the 10th annual Future Stages Festival. This free community event highlights diverse youth performing artists from the Kansas City region. Performance groups were selected through an application process and represent a variety of performing arts disciplines.

The Kauffman Center is thrilled to be celebrating Future Stages Festival on Sunday, June 11. More than 30 youth performance groups will showcase their talents throughout

the day on four stages: Muriel Kauffman Theatre, Helzberg Hall, the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage and the Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box. Additional family-friendly arts activities will be hosted outdoors on the south lawn and indoors in Brandmeyer Great Hall and the PNC PlaySpace in the PNC Grow Up Great Gallery area.

“Since Future Stages began in 2014, 100 youth performing groups have graced our stages,” Kauffman Center President and CEO Paul Schofer said. “As we enter our second decade of spotlighting talented youth, we celebrate the fact that many of our ‘graduates’ are now arts patrons and active contributors to our community’s culture.”

The festival will conclude with a special closing performance featuring the Pythons Drill Team on the Kauffman Center south lawn.

RSVP to receive updated details regarding the performance and activity schedule in the weeks leading up to Future Stages Festival. To RSVP and for more information, visit [kauffmancenter.org/futurestages](http://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages).

[View images from past Future Stages Festivals here.](#)

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#### **FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE GROUPS:**

- 5 Star Jazz Band Combo
- AileyCamp The Group
- Artists Revealed Dance Company
- Chilanka School of Indian Dance
- Crescendo Conservatory
- Driscoll School of Irish Dance
- Gurukul Academy
- Harmony Project KC's Camerata Ensemble
- Ice Studios School of Dance
- Jasmine Chinese Dance Group
- K Company – Kristi's Academy of Dance and Performing Arts
- Kansas City Institute of Chinese Language and Culture
- Kauffman Center Artful Poetry
- KC Jazz Academy's 18th Street Combo
- KC Jazz Academy's Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- KC Youth Percussion Ensemble
- Live Jazz KC High School All Star Big Band

- MSACP Orchestra
- Priscilla & Dana's Tap Dance Company
- Pythons Drill Team
- Rebel Song Academy: Ignition Camp
- Reflections of Polynesia Performing Arts
- Soundz of Africa
- St. Joseph Arts Academy "Panorama" Steel Pan Ensemble
- St. Joseph Arts Showcase
- Street Styles Academy
- String Sprouts K.C.
- The A-Flat Youth Orchestra
- The Barton Street Band
- The Kansas City Boys Choir and The Kansas City Girls Choir
- The Last Carnival
- The Young MAIsterSingers

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **When:** 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2023
- **Where:** Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108

**Cost:** The festival is FREE and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP at [kauffmancenter.org/futurestages](https://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages) to receive the latest event updates and schedule for performances and activities. Registration is optional, but encouraged, and no tickets will be issued. Parking is available in the Arts District Garage for \$10 per vehicle.

## SPONSORS

*Future Stages Festival is presented by Premier Partner*



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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 is available about Open Doors programs at [kauffmancenter.org/open-doors](http://kauffmancenter.org/open-doors).

## ACCESSIBILITY

The Kauffman Center's promise to bring artists and audiences together is reflected in many ways, including removing barriers and providing access to our performing arts experiences for all patrons. You can learn more at [kauffmancenter.org/accessibility](http://kauffmancenter.org/accessibility). To request services or receive additional information that would make your visit more enjoyable, please contact our ticket office at 816.994.7222 or [contact@kauffmancenter.org](mailto:contact@kauffmancenter.org).

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## **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 for everyone. 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 about the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is available at [kauffmancenter.org](https://kauffmancenter.org).