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***Kauffman Center Presents***  
**Celtic Thunder**

Wednesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.

TICKETS ON SALE March 22, 2024

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to announce the latest addition to the *Kauffman Center Presents* line-up, Celtic Thunder, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre.

*Kauffman Center Presents* promises to deliver extraordinary and diverse experiences featuring internationally recognized artists and performers for Kansas City audiences. High-resolution photos with IDs can be found [here](#).

President and CEO Paul Schofer welcomes Celtic Thunder to the Kauffman Center. “Who doesn’t enjoy an evening steeped in the gorgeous music and culture of Ireland with these world-renowned artists? Prepare to get your feet a ‘thumping and your hands a ‘clapping!”

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Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: March 22, 2024, at 10 a.m.

In 2007, producer Sharon Browne embarked on an innovative project by filming the inaugural Celtic Thunder show at the Helix in Dublin, Ireland. The concept behind this

groundbreaking endeavor was to assemble a group of talented men from Ireland and Scotland, spanning ages from 21 to 42, and curate a performance that celebrated their shared Celtic heritage.

The resulting show presented a captivating blend of musical genres, ranging from traditional Celtic tunes to international chart-toppers, interwoven with original compositions. The current lineup of Celtic Thunder comprises a diverse ensemble of performers, including Damian McGinty, Emmet Cahill, Neil Byrne and Ronan Scollard.

Each member of Celtic Thunder is a formidable talent, both in solo and ensemble performances. Supported by the dynamic Celtic Thunder Band, their live shows are renowned for their dramatic lighting effects, intricate choreography and a stage set reminiscent of ancient Celtic pathways, evoking the legends of Celtic lore.

The Celtic Thunder ODYSSEY live theatrical production serves as a captivating exploration of Irish music and culture, spanning traditional Irish rhythms, contemporary beats and innovative arrangements that define the group's distinctive sound.

Since 2008, Celtic Thunder has released 17 shows on CD and DVD. By the end of 2023, they will have completed 15 coast-to-coast tours of the United States and Canada, as well as four tours of Australia, performing over 1000 shows and captivating millions of fans. Additionally, Celtic Thunder has ventured into the world of Entertainment Cruises, hosting five Caribbean cruises, each accommodating over 4,000 fans for a four-day musical extravaganza.

The impact of Celtic Thunder's music has earned them prestigious recognition, including being named BILLBOARD's Top World Music Artist five times, along with accolades for Top World Music Imprint and Top World Album in 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015 and 2016. Their official YouTube channel, "Thunder Tube," has garnered over 300 million views since its inception in 2008, boasting an active subscriber base of 325,000. Furthermore, Celtic Thunder enjoys a dedicated following, with over a million followers on their official Facebook page.

For more information, visit [celticthunder.com](http://celticthunder.com).

## **TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets go on sale to the public March 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Ticket Office at 816.994.7222 or online at [tickets.kauffmancenter.org](http://tickets.kauffmancenter.org).

## **PARKING & DOWNTOWN MAPS**

Find information and maps for Kauffman Center parking and street closure updates at [kauffmancenter.org/parking](http://kauffmancenter.org/parking). The Arts District Garage is the primary parking garage for

patrons. The garage is directly attached to the Kauffman Center just south of the building with multiple access points to surrounding streets. Purchasing event parking in advance is highly recommended as it often will sell out. The garage is \$13 per car in advance or \$16 upon arrival or valet is \$22 in advance or \$24 upon arrival.

## **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 by visiting [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**

Opening in 2011, the Kauffman Center serves as a cultural cornerstone for extraordinary and diverse music, opera, theater and dance performances for Kansas City and the region. Designed by internationally recognized architect Moshe Safdie, the Kauffman Center has been honored as one of the World's 15 Most Beautiful Concert Halls, which attracts some of the world's most renowned performers and entertainers. The 285,000-square-foot Center includes two performance halls: the 1,800-seat Muriel Kauffman Theatre that hosts dance performances, operas, plays, and musicals and the 1,600-seat Helzberg Hall, a venue for a wide range of musical performances, from chamber music to full orchestral concerts, jazz and pop, lectures and recitals.

The Kauffman Center is the performance home for three of the region's leading performing arts organizations – Kansas City Ballet, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Kansas City Symphony. In addition, the *Kauffman Center Presents* series brings in performing artists at the top of their classes as well as *Trailblazing Talks*, a live speaker series. Since opening, the Kauffman Center has offered over 3,100 performances and welcomed more than 4.5 million visitors.

By engaging the community and creating access to arts experiences, more than 415,000 students attended over 366 matinees offered by the Kauffman Center, its resident companies and other arts organizations. More information about the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts can be found at [kauffmancenter.org](http://kauffmancenter.org).

### **KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SCHEDULE\***

The *Kauffman Center Presents* series features extraordinary and diverse artists from a variety of musical genres and performance styles. Upcoming events include:

#### **2024 Kauffman Center Presents**

- Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. – The Irish Tenors
- Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. – Trailblazing Talks, From Sandlots to Stadium: Inside America's Favorite Pastime, Jean Fruth, Sports Photographer
- Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. – Bruce Hornsby & yMusic present BrhyM
- Saturday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. – Croce Plays Croce 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. – Wheel of Fortune LIVE!
- Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. – Trailblazing Talks, The Blue Zones: Unlocking the Secrets of Longevity, David McLain, Photographer
- Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. – Trailblazing Talks, Saving Our Blue Planet, One Hope Spot at a Time, Sylvia Earle, Oceanographer
- Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m. – Donny Osmond
- Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. – Punch Brothers
- Monday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. – Mike Campbell & the Dirty Knobs
- Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18, 12:30 & 3:30 p.m. – Bluey's Big Play – The Stage Show
- Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. – Celtic Thunder

\**Kauffman Center Presents* events announced to date. Additional performances will be announced throughout the year.

The Kauffman Center offers more than 300 performances annually. The complete calendar of events is available at [tickets.kauffmancenter.org](http://tickets.kauffmancenter.org).