



# futurestages

AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER



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**JUNE 15, 2025 | 12 P.M.-5 P.M.**

**Look inside for Performance Schedule and Festival Map!**



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“At the heart of the Kauffman Center is a living tradition of extraordinary and diverse performing arts experiences... This is a building for today and for generations to come.”

- Julia Irene Dennie - Kauffman



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**Future Stages Festival turns a spotlight on youth performances and family-friendly programming while supporting the growth of future artists. This signature community event has been inviting all ages to experience the arts while showcasing diverse performance styles on the Kauffman Center stages for the past 11 years.**

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# Our Community at the Kauffman Center

Since opening in September of 2011...

**4,554,456**

people have attended a performance or event.

**454,524**

students and chaperones have experience school matinees on our stages.

**219,032**

young people have been provided bus transportation funding through the Kauffman Center's Open Doors program.

Volunteers have helped provide a memorable experience for patrons contributing

**581,864** hours of their time, creating a cost savings of \$14.9 million.

**115+** unique youth arts organizations have performed at the annual **Future Stages Festival**

*The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Thanks to the generous donations from individual community members, we offer outstanding programming and support the excellent work of our resident companies. To learn how you can support this effort, visit [kauffmancenter.org/support](http://kauffmancenter.org/support).*



# CREATING ACCESSIBLE ARTS EXPERIENCES AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER



## SINCE THE GRAND OPENING IN 2011

**206,000+**

young people have been provided bus transportation reimbursement through the Kauffman Center's Open Doors fund.

**450,000+**

students and chaperones have experienced school matinees on our stages.

**8,000+**

young people, families, educators and veterans have received free or discounted performance tickets.

**45,000+**

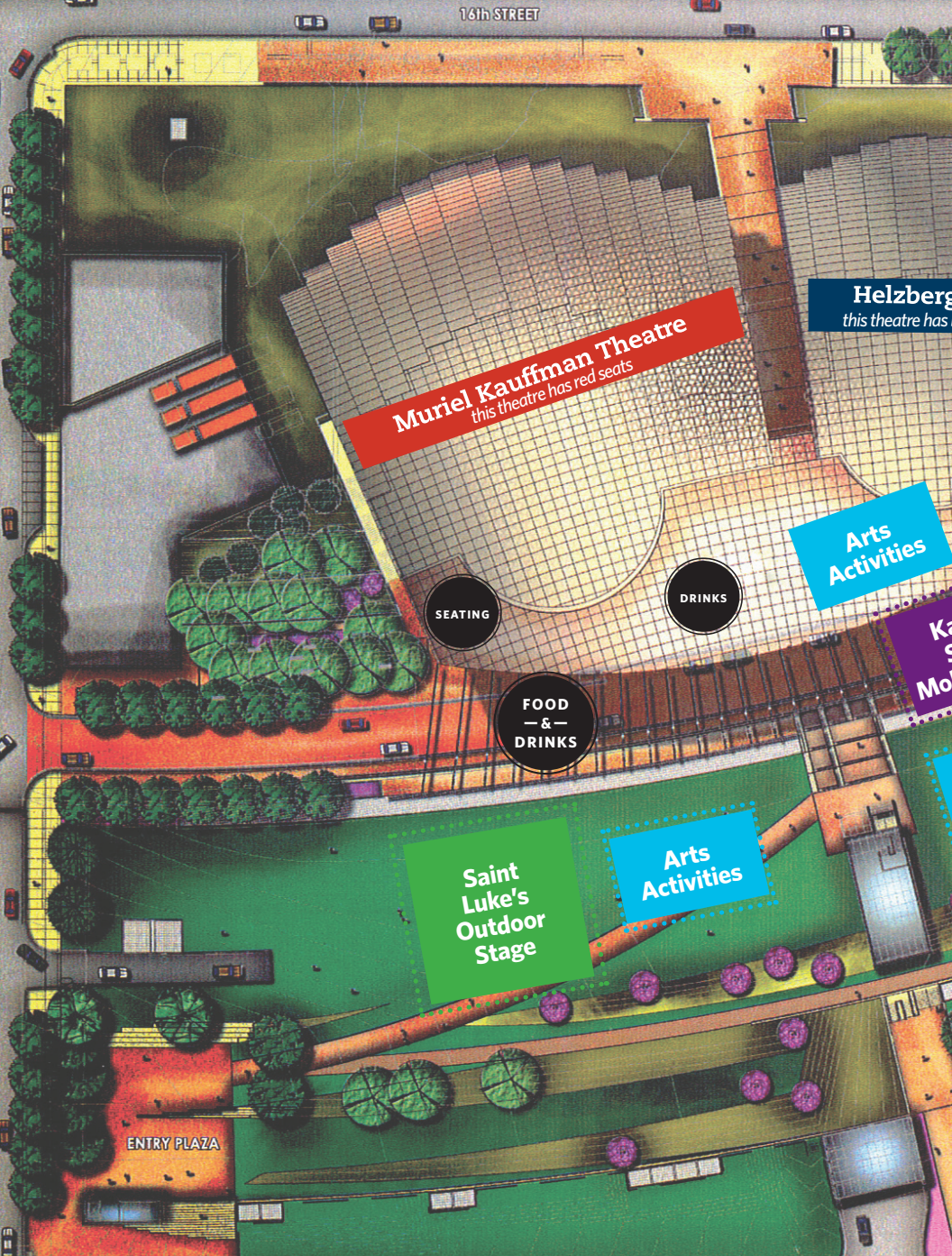
have attended our Future Stages Festival since 2014.

**Young people are the future of the arts — our future artists, arts professionals and audiences — and we care deeply about them.** The Kauffman Center is dedicated to creating unprecedented access to arts experiences for the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The Kauffman Center's learn and engage programs provide many avenues that connect local youth and adults to high quality arts experiences.

*Kauffman Center's community engagement programs are supported by its Open Doors Fund, which is underwritten by the Hearst Foundations.*

Visit [kauffmancenter.org/engage](https://kauffmancenter.org/engage) to learn more about our student programs, community offerings and performer opportunities.



## RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available inside the Kauffman Center.

Attendance at Future Stages Festival gives the patron's consent to any recording or photographs made by the venue or their contractors.





## Indoor Arts Activity Partners

**Check out the PNC PlaySpace & Grow Up Great Gallery activities in the Plaza Lobby!**

# 2025 FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

## Performance Schedule by Time

**LOCATION LEGEND:**  
(see following page for map)

Helzberg Hall	Muriel Kauffman Theatre
Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage	Mobile Music Box

12:00 PM	
The A-Flat Youth Orchestra	Orchestra/Strings
Kansas City Movement	Dance – Various Styles
AileyCamp The Group	Modern, Ballet & Jazz Dance
Kansas City Aerial Arts	Aerial & Acrobatics

12:30 PM	
HPKC Camerata Orchestra	Orchestra/Strings
Priscilla & Dana's Tap Dance Company	Tap Dance
SAINT LUKE'S OUTDOOR STAGE BREAK	No Activity at This Time
MOBILE MUSIC BOX STAGE BREAK	No Activity at This Time

1:00 PM	
HELZBERG HALL STAGE BREAK	No Activity at This Time
ICE Studios School of Dance	Hip Hop, Modern & Lyrical Dance
Base Academy of Music Ensembles	Modern Pop & Rock
MOBILE MUSIC BOX STAGE BREAK	No Activity at This Time

1:30 PM	
KC Youth Percussion Ensemble	Percussion
Storybook Theatre	Theater Arts
Creative Emajinations	Vocal Music
The Barton Street Band	Original & Cover Songs

2:00 PM	
LiveJazzKC High School All-Stars	Jazz & Big Band
MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE STAGE BREAK	No Activity at This Time
Traditional Music Society - Little Africa	African Drums & Dance
Voler Aerial Academy	Aerial & Acrobatics



# 2025 FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

## 2:30 PM

<b>HELZBERG HALL STAGE BREAK</b>	No Activity at This Time
<b>Dramatic Truth School of the Arts</b>	Dance - Various Styles
<b>Tahitian Association of Kansas City</b>	Tahitian Music & Dance
<b>Art as Mentorship's Rebel Song Academy</b>	Singers/Songwriters

## 3:00 PM

<b>Kansas City Horn Club Youth Ensemble</b>	Horns and Percussion
<b>KC Institute of Chinese Language &amp; Culture</b>	Traditional & Contemporary Chinese Dance
<b>The Lawrence Arts Center Irish Dancers</b>	Irish Dance
<b>MSACP Orchestra</b>	Orchestra/Strings

## 3:30 PM

<b>Lyric Singers of St. Joseph Youth Chorale</b>	Choral Music
<b>Crescendo Conservatory</b>	Dance - Various Styles
<b>Grupo Folklórico Alma Tapatia</b>	Mexican Folkloric Dance
<b>Kansas City Symphony</b>	Small Ensemble

## 4:00 PM

<b>Gurukul Dance Company</b>	Classical Indian Dance
<b>Pleasant Hill Dance Academy</b>	Dance - Various Styles
<b>Driscoll Irish Dancers</b>	Irish Dance
<b>The Last Carnival</b>	Aerial & Acrobatics

## 4:30 PM

<b>Eva Moore's Performing Arts Center</b>	Dance - Various Styles
<b>HK Chinese Folk Dance Group</b>	Traditional Chinese Dance

\*Please note, performers and schedules are subject to change.

For more information on this year's performers, go to  
[kauffmancenter.org/futurestages](http://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages)

# 2025 FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

## Performance Schedule by Stage

Helzberg Hall*	
12:00 PM	THE A-FLAT YOUTH ORCHESTRA   aflatmusicstudio.com
12:30 PM	HPKC CAMERATA ORCHESTRA   necc-kc.org
1:00 PM	HELZBERG HALL STAGE BREAK
1:30 PM	KC YOUTH PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE   kcpype.org
2:00 PM	LIVEJAZZKC HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STARS   Livejazzkc.com
2:30 PM	HELZBERG HALL STAGE BREAK
3:00 PM	KANSAS CITY HORN CLUB YOUTH ENSEMBLE   kchorclub.org
3:30 PM	LYRIC SINGERS OF ST. JOSEPH YOUTH CHORALE   sjycsings.org
4:00 PM	GURUKUL DANCE COMPANY   gurukulacademykc.com

Muriel Kauffman Theatre*	
12:00 PM	KANSAS CITY MOVEMENT   kansascitymovement.com
12:30 PM	PRISCILLA & DANA'S TAP DANCE COMPANY   priscillaanddanas.net
1:00 PM	ICE STUDIOS SCHOOL OF DANCE   icestudiosdance.org
1:30 PM	STORYBOOK THEATRE   storybooktheatrekc.com
2:00 PM	MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE STAGE BREAK
2:30 PM	DRAMATIC TRUTH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS   dramatictruth.org
3:00 PM	KC INSTITUTE OF CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE   kcschool.org
3:30 PM	CRESCENDO CONSERVATORY   crescendokc.com
4:00 PM	PLEASANT HILL DANCE ACADEMY   phdanceacademy.com
4:30 PM	EVA MOORE'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER   danceatempac.com

# 2025 FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

## Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage\*

<b>12:00 PM</b>	AILEYCAMP THE GROUP   <a href="http://kcfaa.org">kcfaa.org</a>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	SAINT LUKE'S OUTDOOR STAGE BREAK
<b>1:00 PM</b>	BASE ACADEMY OF MUSIC ENSEMBLES   <a href="http://bamkc.org">bamkc.org</a>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	CREATIVE EMAJINATIONS   <a href="http://ce816kids.org">ce816kids.org</a>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	TRADITIONAL MUSIC SOCIETY - LITTLE AFRICA   <a href="http://traditionalmusicsociety.org">traditionalmusicsociety.org</a>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	TAHITIAN ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS CITY   <a href="http://taokc.org">taokc.org</a>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	THE LAWRENCE ARTS CENTER IRISH DANCERS   <a href="http://lawrenceartscenter.org">lawrenceartscenter.org</a>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	GRUPO FOLKLÓRICO ALMA TAPATÍA   <a href="http://gfalmatapatia.com">gfalmatapatia.com</a>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	DRISCOLL IRISH DANCERS   <a href="http://driscollndancers.com">driscollndancers.com</a>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	HK CHINESE FOLK DANCE GROUP

## Kansas City Symphony Mobile Music Box\*

<b>12:00 PM</b>	KANSAS CITY AERIAL ARTS   <a href="http://kansascityaerialarts.com">kansascityaerialarts.com</a>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	MOBILE MUSIC BOX STAGE BREAK
<b>1:30 PM</b>	BARTON STREET BAND   <a href="https://facebook.com/BartonStreetBand">facebook.com/BartonStreetBand</a>
<b>2:00PM</b>	VOLER AERIAL ACADEMY   <a href="http://Thievesofflight.com">Thievesofflight.com</a>
<b>2:30PM</b>	ART AS MENTORSHIP'S REBEL SONG ACADEMY   <a href="http://artasmentorship.org">artasmentorship.org</a>
<b>3:00PM</b>	MSACP ORCHESTRA   <a href="http://msaorchestras.com">msaorchestras.com</a>
<b>3:30PM</b>	KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY SMALL ENSEMBLE   <a href="http://kcsymphony.org">kcsymphony.org</a>
<b>4:00PM</b>	THE LAST CARNIVAL   <a href="http://sihkaanndestroy.com">sihkaanndestroy.com</a>

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# Patron Information

## PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

### Security Screening Policy

To ensure the safety and security of our guests, the Kauffman Center has implemented a security screening policy. Any persons and items entering the Kauffman Center are subject to screening. For more information visit [kauffmancenter.org/policies](https://kauffmancenter.org/policies).

### Photography Policy

By attending a Kauffman Center performance, patrons give their consent to be photographed or recorded by talent, venue or their contractors.

### Lost and Found

For lost articles, please contact our security office, 816.994.7244.

### Smoking

Smoking inside the Kauffman Center is strictly prohibited. Designated smoking areas can be found outside both the north and south entrances.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Buy Tickets

The Kauffman Center Ticket Office is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Ticket Office holds additional phone hours on Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on performance days. Tickets are always available online at [tickets.kauffmancenter.org](https://tickets.kauffmancenter.org). All purchases are non-refundable except in the case of a canceled event.

### Public Access Hours and Private Tours

The Kauffman Center generally maintains public access hours on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during which visitors may explore Brandmeyer Great Hall. Additionally, private tours led by a trained guide can be scheduled at [kauffmancenter.org/tours](https://kauffmancenter.org/tours). Tours are approximately 60 minutes in length, are available with reservations and are dependent on the Kauffman Center's schedule.

### Stay Connected

Visit [kauffmancenter.org](https://kauffmancenter.org) to sign up for our email newsletter and stay in-the-know about programming announcements, events and opportunities for involvement. Find us on Facebook ([facebook.com/kauffmancenter](https://facebook.com/kauffmancenter)) and LinkedIn (Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts) or engage with us on Instagram, Threads and YouTube (@kauffmancenter).

### Serenity Rooms & Kits

Patrons who would benefit from the use of a private, relaxing environment are invited to step into one of our two serenity rooms. These spaces offer comfortable seating and a monitor to view the live performance, plus sensory items, dimmable lights and an electrical wall outlet. Patrons may contact a staff member or volunteer to access this space. Additionally, Patrons who would benefit from comforting sensory resources are invited to exchange an ID card for a sensory kit from coat check on the Plaza Lobby Level. These kits contain resources such as noise-reducing headphones, weighted lap pads and handheld sensory items.

### Changing Tables & Family Restrooms

All family restrooms feature infant changing tables. The mezzanine family restroom features a changing table suitable for children or adults. Patrons needing a universal changing table or an additional private space to tend to medical needs should contact a staff member or volunteer for directions to the first aid office.



# Emergency Evacuation Procedures

The Kauffman Center is equipped with advanced life-safety early alert systems. Each performance hall is designed with emergency exits in case of an evacuation. In the event of severe weather, shelter in place inside the hall, not in a lobby area, and await further instructions.



**In the event of an emergency, the performance will be interrupted. Horns and strobes will sound. Emergency instructions will be delivered from the stage.**



**Please remain seated as staff use an appropriate amount of investigational time to verify the source of the alarm.\* Should an evacuation be necessary, lighted red (Muriel Kauffman Theatre) and green (Helzberg Hall) exit signs will lead patrons to one of eight emergency exit paths.**



**Patrons with mobility limitations and/or those who are not able to navigate stairs should remain in the venue near one of the marked "Emergency Evacuation Assistance" areas. First responders will evacuate those requiring assistance immediately upon their arrival.**



**Elevators, primary entrances and the Brandmeyer Great Hall staircase are NOT used in the case of an emergency evacuation.**

**For more information on emergency evacuation procedures, visit [kauffmancenter.org/policies](https://www.kauffmancenter.org/policies)**

\*Kauffman Center's emergency egress plan, which includes an appropriate amount of investigational time to verify the source of an alarm, was developed with the assistance of the Kansas City, MO Fire Marshall's Office.



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## AUGUST EVENTS

Variety KC Presents

**Annie**

Aug. 1-3, 2025

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**Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass  
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Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025

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**Happy Together Tour 2025**

Friday, Aug. 22, 2025

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Kauffman Center Presents

**Dominate The Storm**

**A Heart-Pumping Evening with  
Reed Timmer**

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025

Kauffman Center Presents

**BEATrio: Béla Fleck, Edmar  
Castañeda, Antonio Sánchez**

Monday, Sept. 29, 2025

## OCTOBER EVENTS

Kauffman Center Presents

**Christian McBride &**

**Brad Mehldau**

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025

Kauffman Center Presents

**Whose Live Anyway?**

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025



*Kauffman Center Presents*

**DOMINATE THE STORM** | A HEART-PUMPING  
EVENING WITH REED TIMMER

**Thursday, Sept. 4 | 7:30 p.m.**

MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE



*Kauffman Center Presents*

**WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?**

**Wednesday, Oct. 29 | 7:30 p.m.**

MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE

FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS, VISIT [KAUFFMANCENTER.ORG](https://www.kauffmancenter.org).

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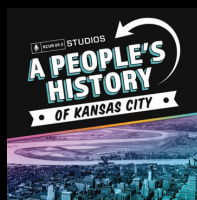


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# 2025 FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

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*Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers, performers, staff and community members  
who helped the Kauffman Center open our doors for this annual event!*

# 2025 FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

*Future Stages Festival is part of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors Spotlight on Youth initiative that connects youth to extraordinary performing arts experiences.*

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