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Kauffman Center Presents

**Jonathan Van Ness: Hot & Healed
and
Pat Metheny Side-Eye III+**

TICKETS ON SALE Nov. 7, 2025

Kansas City, Mo. (November 4, 2025) – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to announce two new additions to the 2025-2026 *Kauffman Center Presents* series lineup.

President and CEO Paul Schofer said, "We are thrilled to welcome back Kansas City's native son Pat Metheny to the Kauffman Center. His astounding career, which started at such an early age, is a remarkable testament to his talent. Our patrons are in for a very special treat. Another celebrity who is no stranger to Kansas City is Jonathan Van Ness, joining us from his successful Netflix show shot here in Kansas City. He will offer our patrons a fun and unforgettable night!"



Jonathan Van Ness: Hot & Healed (18+)

Saturday, Feb. 7, 7:30 pm
Muriel Kauffman Theatre

JONATHAN VAN NESS is an Emmy-winning television personality, three-time New York Times best-selling author, podcaster, comedian, celebrity hairstylist and founder of JVN Hair. He stars on Netflix's Emmy Award-winning reboot series "Queer Eye," where he shines as the hair guru and self-care advocate; and he hosts the popular podcast, "Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness."

Jonathan also starred on the Emmy-nominated web series "Gay of Thrones," a witty social commentary series recapping HBO's "Game of Thrones." Launched in 2013, the series ran for eight seasons and garnered three Emmy nominations for 'Outstanding Short Form Variety Series.' Fresh off two successful worldwide comedy tours, *Jonathan Van Ness: Road to Beijing* and *Imaginary Living Room Olympian*, Jonathan is bringing their new show, *Hot & Healed*, to cities around the US, Canada and abroad. Unfiltered comedy, wildly entertaining and fun, the show is a celebration of joy and a showcase for all the sides of JVN you have never seen before.

The Jonathan Van Ness: Hot & Healed Tour is for ages 18+. Contains Mature Content.



Pat Metheny, Side-Eye III+

Saturday, April 4, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Muriel Kauffman Theatre

PAT METHENY was born in Kansas City on August 12, 1954 into a musical family. Starting on trumpet at the age of eight, Metheny switched to guitar at age 12. By the age of fifteen, he was working regularly with the best jazz musicians in Kansas City, receiving valuable on-the-bandstand experience at an unusually young age.

With the release of his first album, *Bright Size Life* (1975), he reinvented the traditional "jazz guitar" sound for a new generation of players. Throughout his career, Metheny has continued to re-define the genre by utilizing new technology and constantly working to evolve the improvisational and sonic potential of his instrument. His versatility is almost nearly without peer on any instrument. Over the years, he has performed with artists as diverse as Steve Reich to Ornette Coleman to Herbie Hancock to Jim Hall to Milton Nascimento to David Bowie. Metheny's body of work includes compositions for solo guitar, small ensembles, electric and acoustic instruments, large orchestras, and ballet pieces, with settings ranging from modern jazz to rock to classical.

He has also won 20 Grammy Awards in twelve different categories including Best Rock Instrumental, Best Contemporary Jazz Recording, Best Jazz Instrumental Solo and Best Instrumental Composition.

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

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets will go on sale to the public Nov. 7, 2025 at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Ticket Office at 816.994.7222 or online at tickets.kauffmancenter.org.

PARKING INFORMATION

Find information and maps for Kauffman Center parking and street closure updates at 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

point to surrounding streets. Purchasing event parking in advance is highly recommended as it often sells out. The garage is \$16 per car in advance or \$20 upon arrival or valet is \$25 in advance or \$27 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. To request services or receive additional information that would make your visit more enjoyable, please contact our ticket office at 816.994.7222 or accessibility@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.

2025 - 2026 Kauffman Center Presents

Jan. 29, 2026, 7:30 p.m. Classic Albums Live: Fleetwood Mac - Rumours	Feb. 7, 2026, 7:30 p.m. Jonathan Van Ness: Hot & Healed
April 4, 2026, 7:30 p.m. Pat Metheny, Side-Eye III+	April 17-19, 2026 Blue Man Group, North American Tour

Kauffman Center Presents events announced to date. Additional performances will be announced throughout the year. The Kauffman Center hosts more than 350 performances and events annually. The complete calendar of events is available at tickets.kauffmancenter.org.