



futurestages

AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT

JUNE 14, 2026
NOON - 5 P.M.



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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE
AND FESTIVAL MAP!

FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL IS
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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

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 12 years.



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Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

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Our Community at the Kauffman Center

Since opening in September of 2011...

4,800,000

people have attended a performance or event.

454,524

students and chaperones have experienced 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 **634,316** hours of their time, creating a cost savings of \$16.8 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.

CREATING ACCESSIBLE ARTS EXPERIENCES AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER



SINCE THE GRAND OPENING IN 2011

219,000+

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.

9,000+

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

48,000+

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 community engagement 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 to learn more about our student programs, community offerings and performer opportunities.



Indoor Arts Activity Partners

- 360picKC
- American Theatre Guild - Staging the Future
- Doodle Dood LLC
- Every Cooldown Lounge
- Community Art Project Sponsored by JE Dunn Construction
- Kansas City Public Library
- Mattie Rhodes Center
- The Coterie Theatre
- The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
- UMKC Conservatory Academy

Outdoor Arts Activity Partners

- Chicano Center for the Arts
- Crittenton Children's Center
- The Fine Tooners - Face Painting
- Great American Kites
- Kansas City Ballet
- Kansas City Symphony
- Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium
- Lawn Games Supported by PNC Bank
- Science City - PNC Discovery Lab
- Saint Luke's
- StonELion Puppet Theatre

Ask Kauffman Center Staff About:

- Accessible & Size-Inclusive Seating
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Booster Seats Supported by PNC Bank
- Courtesy Wheelchairs
- Every Cooldown Lounge
Indoor Seating/Break Space
- Saint Luke's First Aid
- Serenity Rooms
- Sensory Kits
- Single-Stall Restrooms
- Universal Changing Tables



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.

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Performance Schedule by Time

- Helzberg Hall
- Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage
- Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box

12 PM

■ Kansas City Suzuki Academy	Orchestra/Strings
■ Gurukul Dance Company	Classical Indian Dance
■ Step Movement	Step
■ Cirque d'Laire Cascade	Aerial & Acrobatics

12:30 PM

■ The A-Flat Youth Orchestra	Orchestra/Strings
■ Kansas City Chinese Institute of Language and Culture	Traditional & Contemporary Chinese Dance
■ Good Storey	Singers/Songwriters

1 PM

■ Harmony Project KC	Orchestra/Strings
■ Priscilla & Dana's Tap Company	Tap Dance
■ Dance Electric Performing Troupe	Dance & Vocalists

1:30 PM

■ Lyric Singers of St. Joseph Youth Chorale	Choral Music
■ ICE Studios of Dance	Hip Hop, Modern & Lyrical Dance
■ Island Style Productions	Tahitian Music & Dance
■ Grupo Folklórico Alma Tapatia	Mexican Folkloric Dance

2 PM

■ Bellus Music Studio	Collaborative Piano
■ Lawrence Center Irish Dancers	Irish Dance
■ Special Performance! Kansas City Symphony	Special Professional Performance - Small Ensemble

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2:30 PM

■ Storybook Theatre	Theater Arts
■ AileyCamp the Group	Modern, Ballet & Jazz Dance

3 PM

■ KC Youth Percussion Ensemble	Percussion
■ KCK Diamond Dolls	Dance
■ Greenleaf Performing Arts Academy	Dance
■ Kansas City Aerial Arts	Aerial & Acrobatics

3:30 PM

■ Kansas City Horn Club Youth Ensemble	Horns & Percussion
■ Crescendo Conservatory	Dance
■ Dancers of Kansas City	Dance
■ Fourth Horizon Jazz Ensemble	Jazz

4 PM

■ The Kansas City Boys Choir and Kansas City Girls Choir	Choral Music
■ Heart of America Youth Ballet	Ballet
■ KC Bhangra	Bhangra Folk Dance
■ Voler Aerial Youth	Aerial & Acrobatics

4:30 PM

■ The Chinese School of Greater KC	Chinese Yo-Yo & Fusion Dance
■ Refine the Studio	Dance
■ HK Chinese Folk Dance Group	Traditional Chinese Dance

4:50 PM

■ Festival Finale! Pythons Drill Team	Drill, Majorette and Musical Performance
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*Please note, performers and schedules are subject to change.

For more information on this year's performers, go to kauffmancenter.org/futurestages

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Performance Schedule by Stage



- 12 PM** Kansas City Suzuki Academy
- 12:30 PM** The A-Flat Youth Orchestra
- 1 PM** Harmony Project KC
- 1:30 PM** Lyric Singers of St. Joseph Youth Chorale
- 2 PM** Bellus Music Studio
- 2:30 PM** *Helzberg Hall Stage Break*
- 3 PM** KC Youth Percussion Ensemble
- 3:30 PM** Kansas City Horn Club Youth Ensemble
- 4 PM** The Kansas City Boys Choir and Kansas City Girls Choir
- 4:30 PM** The Chinese School of Greater KC



- 12 PM** Gurukul Dance Company
- 12:30 PM** Kansas City Chinese Institute of Language and Culture
- 1 PM** Priscilla & Dana's Tap Company
- 1:30 PM** ICE Studios of Dance
- 2 PM** *Muriel Kauffman Theatre Stage Break*
- 2:30 PM** Storybook Theatre
- 3 PM** KCK Diamond Dolls
- 3:30 PM** Crescendo Conservatory
- 4 PM** Heart of America Youth Ballet
- 4:30 PM** Refine the Studio

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- 12 PM** Step Movement
- 12:30 PM** *Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage Break*
- 1 PM** Dance Electric Performing Troupe
- 1:30 PM** Island Style Productions
- 2 PM** Lawrence Center Irish Dancers
- 2:30 PM** AileyCamp the Group
- 3 PM** Greenleaf Performing Arts Academy
- 3:30 PM** Dancers of Kansas City
- 4 PM** KC Bhangra
- 4:30 PM** HK Chinese Folk Dance Group



- 12 PM** Cirque d'Laire Cascade
- 12:30 PM** Good Storey
- 1 PM** *Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box Stage Break*
- 1:30 PM** Grupo Folklórico Alma Tapatía
- 2 PM** *Special Performance!* Kansas City Symphony
- 3 PM** Kansas City Aerial Arts
- 3:30 PM** Fourth Horizon Jazz Ensemble
- 4 PM** Voler Aerial Youth
- 4:30 PM** *Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box Stage Break*
- 4:50 PM** *Festival Finale!* Pythons Drill Team

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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.

Seating Policy

Patrons arriving late are seated at the discretion of the artist and house management.

Photo Policy

Non-flash photos and video are permitted for personal, non-commercial use only. Patrons who photograph or record a performance are asked to move to the back or side of the theater so as not to block or distract performers or other patrons. Attendance at Future Stages Festival gives the patron's consent to any recordings or photographs made by the venue or their contractors.

Cell Phones and Devices

As a courtesy, please silence and put away cell phones and other devices during the performance. If emergency calls are anticipated, please notify house management of your seating location. Emergency calls will be received at our security office, 816.994.7244.

Lost and Found

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

Refreshments

Concessions are available at most events. Food and beverages may not be taken inside Muriel Kauffman Theatre or Helzberg Hall.

Stroller Check & Tag-A-Tot

Stroller check is located in Brandmeyer Great Hall by the gift shop and at the bottom of the grand staircase in the Plaza Lobby. At each stroller check location and information table, patrons may register for Tag-A-Tot wristbands in the case a parent/guardian becomes separated from a child.

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 Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For performances, the ticket office opens two hours prior to showtime. Tickets are always available online at tickets.kauffmancenter.org. All purchases are non-refundable except in the case of a canceled event.

Can't Attend an Event?

Contact your point-of-purchase organization at least 24 hours before the event to discuss your options.

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. Tours are approximately 60 minutes in length, are available with reservations and are dependent on the Kauffman Center's schedule.

Questions?

Visit kauffmancenter.org/faq, call 816.994.7222, or email contact@kauffmancenter.org.

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

*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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THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER

JUNE EVENTS

Kauffman Center Presents
Jonathan Van Ness: Hot & Healed
 Thursday, June 18, 2026
This performance is for ages 18+

Kansas City Symphony Presents
Rhapsody in Blue and Dvořák's "New World" Symphony
 June 19-21, 2026

Kauffman Center Presents
Punch Brothers
 Tuesday, June 23, 2026

JULY EVENTS

Kauffman Center Presents
Graham Nash Live on Tour 2026
 Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Variety KC Presents
Lionel Bart's Oliver!
 July 31-Aug. 2, 2026

AUGUST EVENTS

Kauffman Center Presents
Herbie Hancock
 Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026

Kansas City Symphony Presents
European Tour Send-off Concert
 Friday, Aug. 21, 2026

Kauffman Center Presents
Bluey's Big Play
 Aug. 21-23, 2026



Kauffman Center Presents
BLUEY'S BIG PLAY | Aug. 21-23 | MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE

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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!

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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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