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## **Open Doors Education Program**

Open Doors is an educational and community outreach program created by the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts that connects students from throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area to the Center. The program is designed to provide opportunities for young people, especially those with limited experience of the arts, to attend performances at the Kauffman Center, as well as perform on the stages of the Center's two performance spaces, the Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall.

The Open Doors program has three major components:

- The Open Doors Transportation Fund offers funding to schools in the metropolitan area so that bringing students to the Kauffman Center for school matinee performances is more affordable.
- The Open Doors Community Ticket Fund offers access to programming at the Kauffman Center for youth and families through reduced price or free tickets.
- The Open Doors Spotlight on Youth program inspires and nurtures the next generation of artists by giving young performers the opportunity to perform on the stages of the Kauffman Center.

As the first element of the Open Doors Program, the Open Doors Transportation Fund helps minimize barriers to participation by providing bus transportation allowances for students each year. In the first year alone, Kauffman Center's Open Doors Transportation Fund provided transportation allowances for more than 28,000 students. Eliminating or reducing this common cost barrier for most schools allows more students to attend school matinee performances at the Kauffman Center.

The second component of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors program is the Open Doors Community Ticket Fund. Through this program, reduced or even free tickets are offered to partner organizations in order to expose youth and families to live performances at the Kauffman Center. The performance opportunities available through Open Doors Community Tickets vary throughout the year and will include special school matinees as well as seats at regularly scheduled performances. These opportunities are made possible by the generosity of our donors.

Supported by the third element of the Open Doors Program, Kauffman Center has partnered with the GRAMMY Museum in Los Angeles on an exciting new education initiative that offers talented youth the opportunity to engage in musical discourse and performance with other peers from across the country, spurring innovative ideas within the realm of American music. During The GRAMMY Museum's Music Revolution Project, 24 emerging young artists participate in an intensive, four-week curriculum including instruction, rehearsals and mentoring from GRAMMY-level artists at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts and Sprint Center.