



Do I have to register for this event if it is free?

Registering for the event is encouraged so patrons can receive up-to-date information on any Future Stages Festival announcements, changes, performances and activities. Registering at kauffmancenter.org/futurestages is FREE and helps Kauffman Center staff prepare for the number of people planning to attend. This year those who RSVP will be automatically entered into a drawing for a family 4-pack of tickets to an upcoming *Kauffman Center Presents* performance.

What is the COVID-19 policy?

Public performances, including Future Stages Festival, will no longer require proof of vaccination for admission. Masks will no longer be required while in the building, though patrons are encouraged to continue to wear them. The Kauffman Center will continue to monitor the COVID health situation in our area and take appropriate precautions, as necessary. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, or simply do not feel well, please stay home. By entering the Kauffman Center, you agree to our [COVID-19 Waiver](#). Visit kauffmancenter.org/health for the latest COVID-19 policy updates.

What happens if it rains? Is the festival canceled?

The show must go on! Rain or shine, the Future Stages Festival will be hosted at the Kauffman Center on June 12. Adjustments will be made for inclement weather, but the festival will continue.

Where can I park?

Guests are welcome to purchase parking for \$10 in the Arts District Garage adjacent to the Kauffman Center. Additional parking is available for purchase at the Webster House parking garage (located at 17th & Wyandotte). Street parking is available, and the Kauffman Center is a stop on the streetcar line at 16th and Main streets.

Will there be food available to purchase at the event?

Cheesy Street food truck will be on site with lots of tasty options to enjoy. The food truck will be located on the Kauffman Center drive at the building's south entrance. There are also several restaurants within walking distance of the Kauffman Center.

What will festival security look like?

All guests are required to go through a security checkpoint upon arrival at the Kauffman Center. Guests will pass through magnetometers and will need to submit to a bag check by qualified security professionals.

Is there a dress code?

Patrons arrive at Future Stages Festival in all styles of dress. Please feel free to wear casual and comfortable clothing given the weather expected. The Kauffman Center indoor areas will be air-conditioned, and outdoor areas will have some fans and shade.

Can I bring a stroller to this event?

Yes, strollers are welcome, and stroller parking will be available on the Kauffman Center Plaza Lobby level. We do ask that strollers remain outside the performance theatres, so they do not obstruct walkways.

What kind of first-aid services will be available at the event?

The Kauffman Center will have KC Medical EMT and Saint Luke's Health System nurses available and on-site throughout the duration of the festival. Their station will be located near the Kauffman Center box office.

Is personal photography permitted?

Personal photos and videos are permitted at Future Stages Festival. Please turn off all flash photography and ensure any video recording equipment does not block any venue entrances, exits, walkways or staircases.

How much of the Kauffman Center will be accessible to guests during the festival?

Most public spaces will be accessible on the day of the event. Visitors may enjoy performances in both theaters, as well as explore the south lawn, Brandmeyer Great Hall and the perimeter of the building. Engaging arts activities from community partners will be scattered inside and outside the facility.

How long is every performance?

Each performance group has 20 minutes to perform. The schedule is blocked off in 30-minute increments to make sure there is enough time for each group to set up their equipment.

Where do I find information on each performance group?

Performance group bios are available on the Kauffman Center website: kauffmancenter.org/futurestages. Each performance group will be introduced from stage prior to their performance.

I have a child performing in the festival. Where should I drop them off and pick them up after they are done performing?

All performers will be checked in at the Performer Check-In table on the north side of the building (16th Street). This is also where groups will be brought back after their performance. Brandmeyer Great Hall is a good place to wait for your child after their performance.

As a parent of a performer, can I join my child backstage?

We ask that only chaperones approved by the performance group leaders be brought into backstage areas. All adults who are backstage will be required to wear provided credentials throughout their time in these areas.

Is this event a competition or a showcase?

Future Stages Festival is an extension of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors *Spotlight on Youth* initiative designed to provide opportunities for youth artists to share the stage and spotlight of the Kauffman Center. Performances are not judged or scored at the event, but selected performance groups submitted an application that was juried and scored which determined their festival participation.