

## Future Stages Festival

### Frequently Asked Questions



#### 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](http://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages) is FREE and helps Kauffman Center staff prepare for the number of people planning to attend.

#### What happens if it rains? Is the festival canceled?

The show must go on! Future Stages Festival is a rain or shine event, however, performances and activities planned for outdoors may be canceled by inclement weather. The Kauffman Center closely monitors the weather in the days and weeks leading up to the festival and will make decisions with the safety of performers, patrons and staff in mind.

#### Where can I park?

Guests are welcome to purchase parking for \$10 in the Arts District Garage. The garage is directly attached to the Kauffman Center just south of the building. Additional parking is available for purchase at the Webster Garage (located at 17<sup>th</sup> & Wyandotte). Street parking is available, and the Kauffman Center is a stop on the streetcar line at 16<sup>th</sup> and Main streets.

#### Are outside food and drinks allowed at Future Stages Festival?

Outside food and drinks will not be permitted into the festival with the exception of a **sealed** disposable bottle of water or an **empty** reusable water bottle that can be filled at water fountains throughout the Kauffman Center. Light food and drinks will be available at concessions inside the facility and food trucks located on the south driveway.

#### Will there be food available to purchase at the event?

[Cheesy Street](#) and [Tasty Unicorn](#) will be on site with light food options and sweet treats available to purchase. These two trucks will be located on the Kauffman Center's driveway near the building's south entrance. You can view each truck's menu by clicking the links above or visiting [kauffmancenter.org/futurestages](http://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages). There are also several restaurants within walking distance of the Kauffman Center.

#### What will festival security look like?

All persons and items entering the Kauffman Center are required to go through a security checkpoint upon arrival. Kauffman Center management reserves the right to refuse any item deemed a potential safety or security risk or with the potential to be a distraction to the event being held. Screenings may include, but are not limited to, bag searches, visual screenings, hand-held magnetometers and walk-through magnetometers and/or threat detection systems.

#### 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 and on Brandmeyer Great Hall. Please note, strollers must remain outside the performance theaters, so they do not obstruct walkways.

### **Can I bring my pet to this event?**

Pets will not be allowed at Future Stages Festival in any indoor or outdoor space. Service animals are always welcome at the Kauffman Center.

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

The Kauffman Center will have KC Medical EMT available and on-site throughout the duration of the festival. Additionally, Saint Luke's Health System will also have a first aid station located near the Kauffman Center ticket office.

### **Is personal photography permitted?**

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

### **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 can be found throughout the inside and outside of 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](http://kauffmancenter.org/futurestages). Each performance group will be introduced with a short bio 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 (16<sup>th</sup> 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. Only these approved chaperones will be provided with credentials that must be worn at all times and grant access to backstage areas.

**Can I bring flowers for a performer?**

Flowers are welcome inside the building, but we ask that they are kept outside of Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall. We invite all guests to leave their flowers inside the gift shop or another designated location.

**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.