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FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

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2017 Future Stages Festival Performance Group Biographies

Helzberg Hall

Harmony Project KC

Harmony Project KC is a free, research-based youth development and mentoring program for deserving children, using music as the vehicle to keep them safe, in school, and improve their academic performance. Students come to us three times a week from 22 different schools in the urban core. They start with musicianship and then move on to string instrumental instruction. We commit to our students for their entire childhood, provided they remain enrolled in school and attend our program. We all come from different schools, backgrounds, and even speak different languages, but we come together through music.



Kristi's Academy of Dance and Performing Arts LLC

"K" Company Performing Team was formed in 2001 to provide students with additional opportunities to utilize their training by performing for various events, organizations and participating in competitions. "K" Company consists of separate troupes, with members ranging in age from five to eighteen. The troupe members have performed at Starlight Theatre, Local College and University Basketball Games, State Basketball Tournaments, Parades, and a variety of local organizations and area schools. We appreciate giving our dancers the valuable experience of performing at multiple venues for different audiences.



Knox Church Celebration Choir

The Celebration choir consists of about 35 seventh through twelfth graders under the direction of Russell Harvey. During the school year they sing once a month during our church's worship services and in the spring they take a musical drama on tour to share the message that God has provided. Committed to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with others of all ages more than 1300 students and adults from Knox Church have shared God's message over the past 43 years through choir performances/tours.



Metropolitan Strings Academy Orchestra

The Metropolitan Strings Academy offers 4 orchestra class levels from students ages 7 through adults. Today's performers represent the Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced student class levels and hail from all corners of the Kansas City Metro. Our orchestras are small and student focused, offering a fun enrichment opportunity for kids who already play in a public school orchestra as well as home schoolers and private school students who don't have a school orchestra outlet. We offer a truly unique small chamber ensemble opportunity, and the students are deeply bonded to one another and work together seamlessly as a team.



Lyric Opera of Kansas City: Kids in Opera

You don't have to be a grownup to love opera – and you don't have to be a grownup to sing in operas, either! The Lyric Opera of Kansas City strives To make Lyric Opera of Kansas City indispensable to the public through Transformational opera experiences and broad service which captures the hearts and minds of our communities. The Lyric Opera of Kansas City: Kids in Opera have both experience and love for performing in operas.



The Smithville Ringleaders

The Smithville Ringleaders is an after school group of 31 second graders who love to make music through the medium of handbells. This is a non-auditioned handbell choir, who love to make music and has an intent to express their love through song.



Kansas City Youth Percussion Ensemble

The Kansas City Youth Percussion Ensemble features a wide variety of percussion literature composed and/or arranged specifically for percussion instruments. Groups are available for middle school students, high school students, and young professionals. The KCYPE is aiming to become a leading organization of youth and young professional education in the Mid-West. Working with local big name performers and professors, as well as up and coming international stars, the KCYPE seeks to make the idea of percussion more accessible and entertaining to the general public.



KC Boys Choir & KC Girls Choir

KCBC/KCGC provides a forum for developing and enhancing the mind to bridge communication gaps through music in the classical boys'/girls' choir tradition. These young men and women represent both Missouri and Kansas metropolitan areas, and will spend a large amount of their time representing the Greater Kansas City area nationally. Our KCBC/KCGC participants complete concerts, which include dramatizations, as well as traditional-sacred-contemporary music. The Kansas City Boys Choir and the Kansas City Girls Choir participants represent all regions of the Greater Kansas City area.



Ottawa Suzuki Strings

The Ottawa Suzuki Strings is an ensemble of violinists, violists, and cellists who range in age from 2 years old to 18. The group has performed at the United Nations and were featured on the nationally broadcast PBS Jim Lehrer News Hour. An active part of the Kansas City area music fabric, the Ottawa Suzuki Strings group performs for many service organizations, senior citizens' groups, churches, school assemblies, and festivals, including the Greater Kansas City Area Japan Festival. Part of the young musicians' study are fiddling, music theory, and ensemble classes.

