

CELEBRATE **THE ARTS** IN KANSAS CITY

# FUTURE STAGES FESTIVAL

**FUN FOR ALL AGES** **FREE EVENT**



PRESENTED BY  
PREMIER PARTNER:  **Saint Luke's**  
HEALTH SYSTEM | **June 25, 2017 | 11AM-4PM**

# **2017 Future Stages Festival Performance Group Biographies**

## **St. Luke's Outdoor Stage**

# Heart of America Shakespeare Festival -

Team Shakespeare is the apprentice acting troop of the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival. In addition to the pre-show parody in the park every summer, Team Shakespeare performs in many different venues in Kansas City throughout the year. Made up of high school students from around the metro, Team Shakespeare is Kansas City's only year round Shakespeare group for young people. We help promote Shakespeare and the theatrical arts to the population of KC, and strive to keep Shakespeare and theatre relevant to the youth of America.



## Starlight STARS

Representing Starlight Theatre, the Starlight STARS, for youth in grades 9 through 12, is a musical theatre training and performance program. Cast members audition for the troupe in the spring, and approximately 24 young artists are selected to participate each year. The Starlight STARS receive intensive training in acting, singing, and dance; attend master classes led by local and national musical theatre professionals; create a musical theatre medley that they rehearse and perform prior to Starlight's Broadway shows; and represent Starlight Theatre by performing at metro area events.



## Grupo Axé Capoeira

Grupo Axé Capoeira has been in Kansas City for 18 years, and we are delighted to watch the group grow in many different ways every year. The training of the Afro-Brazilian Martial Art named Capoeira is a complete cultural experience as taught by the master of our group - Mestre Barrao. Our group continues to attract children who are excited to learn how to express themselves through all of the many avenues that Axé Capoeira has to offer: self defense, music, dance and language..



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## Music Theatre Kansas City, SunRaise

The SunRaise Choir is a community service driven ensemble made up of middle school and high school students from Music Theatre Kansas City. We have performed for local youth organizations, retirement homes, holiday community events and most recently, the Plaza Lighting Ceremony, the Patriots Run in memory of 9-11 and the UMKC Pride Breakfast celebrating the Kansas City LGBT community. We specifically sing non-religious music that is inspiring and uplifting. Students do not audition or pay to participate - we welcome all singers age 12-18.



## Louder Than a Bomb KC Poets

Louder Than a Bomb KC brings adolescents from both sides of State Line and from all otherwise disparate backgrounds together in the sharing of stories through spoken word poetry. It's a competition but the motto is "the point is not the points, the point is the poetry." The poets live by this motto, rooting for opposing teams, shouting at the judges, and embracing one another's truths.



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## 5 Star Jazz Band

5 Star Jazz Band is an all-volunteer nonprofit community education enterprise organized around three core principles: 1) Music is a performing art, 2) Learn the business of music, 3) No financial barrier to entry. Over 70% of our alumni have earned scholarships to leading university music departments.

Many 5 Star members now have professional music careers for Disney, US Navy & Marine Corps jazz bands, Green Lady Lounge in Kansas City, numerous professional touring and studio recording ensembles and as music educators and audio techs nationwide.



# Crescendo in Motion

Crescendo in Motion is a young company comprised of dedicated dancers ages 10-18. These young artists/athletes train daily at Crescendo Conservatory in various dance disciplines. Crescendo Conservatory provides classical, pre-professional, non-competition curriculum in Ballet and Jazz. Crescendo in Motion presents entertaining and appropriate performances throughout the Greater Kansas City area. Crescendo Conservatory offers an educational environment that fosters artistic and personal growth.



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## Caruthers Studio -

### The Hot Stepperz Dance Troupe

Our role and goal is to inspire young people to feel confident about themselves in using dance. We encourage them to be the best they can be, not only as a performer, but simply as a child of God. We pride ourselves in on-going development and encourage our students to pursue opportunities in musicals, dance teams at school, and coveted dance internships.



# Take the Stage Outreach Program

Take the Stage brings the joy of music and dance directly into urban elementary classrooms. No child pays a penny to dance with us: we are grateful for the financial support of government agencies, foundations, businesses and individuals. Take the Stage challenges all students to work hard, never give up, always do their best and make healthy life choices. In classes, children practice focus, teamwork, and tenacity; they develop personal discipline and a standard of excellence that are imperatives for social and academic engagement. We collaborate annually with KC institutions, presenting students in main-stage productions with live music.

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