



# Future Stages Festival 2019 Performance Group Biographies- Helzberg Hall



## Chinese School of Dance

*Performing **Mulan, Blue Sea, Riding Wave, Peacock Dance, Belly Dance, and Dai Dance** at  
11:00AM*



In less than a year, the team has recruited 40 dancers. This dance group focuses on learning and performing Chinese folk dances, and the choreography embodies characteristics of the Chinese ethnic minorities. The young artists undergo rigorous training for several performance opportunities to celebrate and spread Chinese culture. Every year, these dancers grace the stages of Yardley Hall at JCCC and galleries of the Nelson Atkins Museum in a series of Chinese New Year festivities.



## **Caruthers Dance Studios- The Hot Steppers**

*Performing at 11:30AM*

The Caruthers Creative Center, Hot Steppers dance troupe is a local group of young dancers who perform for civic events, churches, and various businesses. They are also competitive, receiving top awards and overall rewards in dance competitions, most recently Stage One Dance Competition.



## **KC Youth Percussion Ensemble (KCYPE)**

*Performing Techno-Pop, Fur Elise, For Elise, and Day Dreams at 12:00PM*



For more than a decade the KC Youth Percussion Ensemble has been the preeminent group for eager percussionists in the KC Metro Area. The KCYPE has performed at Kansas State Music Teachers Association festival, Regional Days of Percussion in Kansas and Oklahoma, KS day of percussion festivals, and the prestigious Kauffman Center as part of the Future Stages Festival.

They welcome members up through High School, the only minimum requirement is a desire to play interactive, intricate music in a fun atmosphere, surrounded by others who share your goals.



## Lyric Opera of Kansas City's Frost High School Honors Artists

*Performing at 12:30PM*



The Lyric Opera of Kansas City is proud to present their youngest select group of singers, the Frost High School Honors Artists. Selected by audition, these teens get an insider's view of what it takes to become a professional singer. They have the opportunity to observe main-stage opera rehearsals, sing on masterclasses with visiting artists, and perform as a group and in recital. Today each will present one of their favorite art songs, arias or music theatre pieces. Please welcome the Lyric Opera's Frost High School Honors Artists.

## Kansas City Boys Choir and Kansas City Girls Choir

*Performing **Raise it Up, Hope for Tomorrow, From a Distance, and My Living Shall not be in Vain** at 1:00PM*

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. KCBC/KCGC



participants complete concerts, which includes 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 such as: Kansas City, MO; Kansas City, KS; Blue Springs, MO; Raytown, MO; Lenexa, KS; and Overland Park, KS. For additional information, please contact their office at 816-474-SING (7464) or visit their website at: [www.kcboychoir.org](http://www.kcboychoir.org) / [www.kcgirlschoir.org](http://www.kcgirlschoir.org)



## The A-Flat Youth Orchestra

*Performing Star Trek Medley, Overture (from the Messiah), Someday We'll Be Together, and Spring Thunderstorm at 1:30PM*



The A-Flat Youth Orchestra was formed by Darryl Chamberlain as a tool for instrumental music instruction for Kansas City area youth who do not have access to formal music instruction in their public schools. The orchestra was formed in 2016 at St. James United Methodist Church and after a year of classes, the orchestra was featured on the front page of the Kansas City Star and on the NBC Today Show one month later. The A-Flat Youth Orchestra is open for admission to all youth across the Kansas City metroplex and its surrounding suburbs.

## Harmony Project KC

*Performing Pieces of Eight, Sahara Crossing, Gap of Dunlop, Shores of Ireland and Storm at 2:00PM*

Harmony Project KC, based on the campus of the Northeast Community Center, is an affiliate of the acclaimed Harmony Project Los Angeles, one of the most effective arts-based youth development programs in the nation tailored to low-income youth, recently winning the nation's highest honor for an arts-based youth program by the President's Committee on the Arts & Humanities.



Since its launch in 2015, Harmony Project KC students frequently perform in their community, and other sites including the GEM Theater, side-by-side with members of the Kansas City Symphony, Future Stages, the Folly Theater, and at the Kauffman Stadium for the Kansas City Royals.



## String Sprouts KC

*Performing **The Seaside, Haunted House, Pop Goes the Weasel** and more at 2:30PM*

String Sprouts KC is a program of Heartland Chamber Music, whose mission is to connect, engage, and inspire students of all ages through a lifetime of musical education and performance. String Sprouts introduces young children to the arts in our community at an early age. Children ages three to 8, along with their parents/caregivers,



participate in 32 classes each school year. Eighty children are enrolled in the program at a number of early childhood/elementary school locations across the metropolitan area. Today's Year 1 and Year 2 String Sprouts students are performing a selection of songs in which they can demonstrate all that they have learned as young violin students.

## Metropolitan Conservatory Orchestra

*Performing **Shallow, Danny Boy, and Scarborough Fair/Canticle** at 3:00PM*



The Metropolitan Conservatory (formerly Metropolitan Strings Academy) boasts the largest orchestral strings faculty in the Kansas City Metro, as well incredible VOICE, HARP, PIANO, GUITAR, and BANJO faculty. Their private and group programs build musicians who are bold, expressive, accurate, and capable of reading and leading in orchestras, and chamber ensembles. The Metropolitan Conservatory Orchestra offers a unique outlet for motivated players ages 7-18 to explore unique and challenging material in a collaborative setting.