



Future Stages Festival 2019 Performance Group Biographies- Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage



5 Star Jazz Band

Performing their set "Big Band Greats" at 11:00AM

5 Star Jazz Band is a nonprofit community youth band dedicated to providing Kansas City's top young musicians, age 12-21, the unique opportunity to rehearse and perform in a professional-caliber jazz ensemble.

They are dedicated to keeping alive Kansas City's jazz legacy with the next generation of musicians. The full 30-piece Big Band and eight-piece Combo perform an average of 35 gigs year-round throughout the bi-State region.

Their repertoire of 450-plus Big Band, Swing, Jazz, and Funk charts appeals to audiences of any age and background.





School of Rock Kansas City House Band

Performing at 11:30AM



The Kansas City House Band is the elite group of the best and hardest working students from SOR KC. In their 10-year history, they have performed all over Kansas City, played the 'Shiprocked Cruise', and have performed alongside some of the industry's most legendary acts. They perform

family-friendly rock and roll music and have been pleasing crowds in KC since 2009.

Kansas City Jazz Academy- Advanced Combo

Performing at 12:00PM

The Advanced Combo from Kansas City Jazz Academy is comprised of the best high school jazz students from the entire metro. Students earn a place in the band by audition and a high standard of performance is expected. The combo is directed by Stan Kessler and Joe Miquelon. The Advanced Combo has performed at the Gem Theater and most recently at the Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival in St. Joseph, MO.





Starlight Stars

Performing their 2019 Medley at 12:30PM



Students in high school shine in Starlight Theatre's highly regarded musical theatre training and performance ensemble - the Starlight STARS. Auditions for the troupe are held in the spring.

Selected performers receive intensive training in acting, singing, and dance. They participate in master classes led by Broadway professionals and learn the "ins and outs" of the industry. They

also create the musical theatre medley you're about to enjoy. The STARS perform on select nights prior to Starlight's Broadway productions, for community events, and as part of Starlight's annual gala.

Street Style's Academy "Elite Team"

Performing Elite's Street Style Showcase at 1:00PM



Street Styles Academy is a competitive and performing arts school that trains students in the proper art forms of hip hop/street style dancing, focusing on kids ages 6-19. Performing at Future Stages Festival will be Street Styles Academy's top entertainers, "SSA's Street Elite Team".



House of Dance

Performing Come Together at 1:30PM

House of Dance is an inclusive dance studio in Olathe that strives to provide high-quality dance education and performance opportunities for children of all ages and stages of development. At HOUSE OF DANCE, Dance is for Everyone! Whether you love to dance for the joy of dance, or you aim to become a competitive dancer, HOUSE OF DANCE has a place for you! They are committed to building strong, healthy communities of people who share a universal love of dance.



Los Bailadores de Kansas City

Performing at 2:00PM



Los Bailadores of Kansas City is part of a non-profit organization acquired in 2005. The group actually started in 1988 with Dennis Santoyo and the late John Gutierrez and has been in operation since.

Their mission is to preserve and present traditions of Mexico through dance. They teach the Hispanic culture through regional dances, beautiful costumes and

festive dance music. They provide an important opportunity for our youth to participate in after school and weekend activities, and are very proud to be able to share the beautiful dances of Mexico with the Kansas City community.



Dynamic Dance Competition Team

Performing "Weird Science", "Turnip", "Drippin'", "Let's Go", "I Believe You", "Survivor", and "Once Upon a Princess" at 2:30PM

Dynamic Dance Competition Team joins us today from Blue Springs, Missouri. Their family-oriented studio believes dance is so much more than technique, and their mission is to provide youth with a well-rounded education in the art of dance. Dynamic Dance aims to shape their dancers into the next generation of confident and empowered citizens who desire to contribute and get involved in their community!



TeamEXCEL! (Take the Stage Program)

Performing at 3:00PM



Take the Stage brings a highly energetic dance program directly into schools as part of the elementary curriculum. Weekly 50-minute classes are led by a team of trained professional teaching artists who use live music and a joyfully rigorous dance curriculum to teach children to strive for their personal best, never give up and be willing to take a chance. Take the Stage currently conducts semester- and year-long residencies in eight Kansas City area

schools. TeamEXCEL! dancers are Take the Stage's special ambassadors. Comprised of students from TTS partner schools, the Team has appeared in special performances at the Nelson, Johnson County Community College, Kauffman Stadium and previous Future Stages Festivals, among others.