

Kauffman Center Presents series
Background Information

The *Kauffman Center Presents* series offers excellent and diverse programming from a wide variety of performance genres.

The series is designed to complement the programming offered by the Center's three resident companies – the Kansas City Ballet, Kansas City Symphony, and Lyric Opera of Kansas City – as well as its community partners including the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, the Kansas City Broadway Series, and the Harriman-Jewell Series.

Kauffman Center Presents programming is presented year-round. Its first season debuted in September 2011 with performances by legendary artists such as Aretha Franklin, Lily Tomlin, Phillip Glass and Mavis Staples. The ninth annual *Kauffman Center Presents* season in 2019-2020 showcases a variety of genres, including Jack Hanna's *Into the Wild Live!*; the sensational Royal Wedding Gospel Choir The Kingdom Choir; and genre-blending artists Bela Fleck, Zakir Hussain & Edgar Meyer. More than 20,000 audience members attend performances in the *Kauffman Center Presents* series each year.

As a part of *Kauffman Center Presents* programming, the *National Geographic Live* series brings speakers who share their journeys of exploration from being on assignment around the world. Illustrated with award-winning photography and video, each evening concludes with a speaker-led audience Q&A session.

A current list of upcoming *Kauffman Center Presents* events is available at kauffmancenter.org/kauffman-center-presents.

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