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DAVID BYRNE TO PERFORM AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Iconic singer and artist Byrne brings his American Utopia Tour to Muriel Kauffman Theatre on June 7; the concert is part of the 2017-2018 Kauffman Center Presents series

Kansas City, MO – Today, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts announced that iconic rock singer and songwriter David Byrne will perform in Muriel Kauffman Theatre on Thursday, June 7. Byrne comes to Kansas City as part of his *American Utopia Tour*. This event is part of the 2017-2018 *Kauffman Center Presents* series.

Best known as the singer and guitarist behind the pioneering new wave band Talking Heads, **David Byrne** also works as a solo artist, film director, author and photographer. As part of the *American Utopia Tour*, Byrne will be performing songs from his upcoming album, as well as classics from his solo career and his days with Talking Heads. Byrne will take the stage with a 12-piece band for a choreographed concert that he has called, “the most ambitious show I’ve done since the shows that were filmed for *Stop Making Sense*.”

Tickets for [David Byrne: American Utopia Tour](#) range from \$54 to \$194 plus applicable fees, and go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23. Every ticket purchased online for David Byrne will include a CD of the new album *American Utopia*, released on March 9, 2018. Ticket buyers will receive instructions via email on how to redeem the album shortly after ticket purchase. Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Box Office at (816) 994-7222, via the Kauffman Center mobile app, or online at www.kauffmancenter.org.

ABOUT DAVID BYRNE

David Byrne was the lead singer for the band Talking Heads from 1975 to 1991. His hits with Talking Heads include “Psycho Killer,” “Burning Down the House” and “Once in a Lifetime.” Byrne has won accolades for a range of work, including an Academy Award for his score to the film *The Last Emperor*, and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with Talking Heads. More recently, Byrne has released full-length music collaborations with Brian Eno, St. Vincent and Fatboy Slim. *American Utopia*, Byrne’s first solo album in 14 years, is due out in March 2018.

KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SERIES SCHEDULE*

The *Kauffman Center Presents* series features exceptional and diverse artists from a variety of musical genres and performance styles. Upcoming events include:

- Tuesday, February 6 – *National Geographic Live: Florian Schulz* – Into the Arctic Kingdom – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Sunday, February 18 – Peter Cetera – 7 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, March 6 – *National Geographic Live: Cristina Mittermeier* – Standing at the Water’s Edge – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre

- Thursday, March 15 – CMT Next Women of Country Presents: Sara Evans – *All the Love Tour*, featuring RaeLynn and Kalie Shorr – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 – *Riverdance – The 20th Anniversary World Tour* – 7:30 p.m. March 16; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 17, Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, May 1 – *National Geographic Live: Terry Virts – View from Above* – 7:30 p.m. May 1, Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, June 5 – *National Geographic Live: Pete McBride & Kevin Fedarko – Between River and Rim* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Thursday, June 7 – David Byrne: *American Utopia Tour* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre

*Events announced to date. Additional performances will be announced throughout the 2017-2018 season. Updates are available at www.kauffmancenter.org/events-tickets/kauffman-center-presents/.

ABOUT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts – a major not-for-profit center for music, opera, theater and dance designed by Moshe Safdie – opened in 2011. Serving as a cultural cornerstone for Kansas City and the region, the Kauffman Center delivers extraordinary and diverse performing arts experiences. Honored as one of the World’s 15 Most Beautiful Concert Halls, the Kauffman Center attracts some of the world’s most renowned performers and entertainers.

Through educational outreach programs and community enrichment, the Kauffman Center supports Kansas City as a cultural destination. More information on the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is available at kauffmancenter.org.

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