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**KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
ANNOUNCES TWO NEW CONCERTS**

*Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs perform June 17*  
*Mary Chapin Carpenter and special guest Sarah Jarosz perform July 26*

Kansas City, MO – Today, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts announced two new concerts in the *Kauffman Center Presents* series.

Classic rock standouts **Michael McDonald** and **Boz Scaggs** will perform in Muriel Kauffman Theatre on **Saturday, June 17**. Both musicians made their names as members of legendary rock groups and have since enjoyed successful solo careers. McDonald sang with Steely Dan and was a member of The Doobie Brothers. Scaggs spent time as lead singer for the Steve Miller Band. Tickets for the event range from \$59 to \$139, and go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Friday, March 24.

Folk and country singer-songwriter **Mary Chapin Carpenter** will be joined by special guest **Sarah Jarosz** on **Wednesday, July 26** in Muriel Kauffman Theatre. Carpenter is a five-time GRAMMY Award-winner and Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee. Jarosz took home this year's GRAMMY awards for Best American Roots Performance and Best Folk Album. Tickets for the event range from \$29 to \$69, and go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Friday, March 24.

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](http://www.kauffmancenter.org).

**ABOUT MICHAEL MCDONALD AND BOZ SCAGGS**

Distinctive and soulful, Michael McDonald's voice is one of the most yearningly emotive instruments of our times. From '70s-era Doobie Brothers classics such as "What A Fool Believes" and solo hits like "I Keep Forgettin'," through two highly-acclaimed Motown albums, genre-busting guest spots, and innovative concept shows, the five-time GRAMMY Award-winning McDonald is both timeless and ever-evolving.

Boz Scaggs' remarkable career dates back to the late 1960s, when he sang with the Steve Miller Band. Scaggs brought a characteristically deft touch as a singer to solo triumphs including such classic albums as *Silk Degrees* (1976) and *Middle Man* (1980), and late-period high points like *Some Change* (1994) and *Dig* (2001). His hits include "Lowdown" and "Lido Shuffle." Scaggs' most recent album, *A Fool to Care*, came out in 2015.

**ABOUT MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER AND SARAH JAROSZ**

Mary Chapin Carpenter hits the road in 2017, performing songs from her expansive 14-album catalog and new songs from her latest record *The Things That We Are Made Of*, released in May 2016. Produced by 2016 Producer of the Year GRAMMY nominee Dave Cobb (Jason Isbell, Chris Stapleton), the album features 11 new songs written by Carpenter, and has received critical acclaim from NPR and *Rolling Stone*, among others. *The Associated Press* calls it, "...an evocative collection of songs," while *The Huffington Post* declares, "...Carpenter is now at the height of her musical career, painting a compelling, relevant piece of art tinged with mixed feelings of grief and joy, all without preaching or darkening our minds with sadness."

Sarah Jarosz is a gifted multi-instrumentalist, a singularly expressive vocalist and a songwriter of rare insight. Jarosz has been described by *The New York Times* as, "one of acoustic music's most promising young talents: a singer-songwriter and mandolin and banjo prodigy with the taste and poise to strike that rare balance of commercial and critical success."

## **KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SERIES SCHEDULE**

### **2016-2017 Kauffman Center Presents Events:**

Remaining events in the 2016-2017 series:

- Friday, March 17 – Patti LaBelle – 8 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Sunday, March 26 – The Oak Ridge Boys – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Thursday, May 11 – Branford Marsalis with special guest Kurt Elling – 7:30 p.m., Helzberg Hall
- Saturday, June 17 – Michael McDonald & Boz Scaggs – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre

### **2017-2018 Kauffman Center Presents Events:\*\***

- Tuesday, July 18 – *Blondie & Garbage: The Rage and Rapture Tour* – 7 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Wednesday, July 26 – Mary Chapin Carpenter with special guest Sarah Jarosz – 7:30 p.m. Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Saturday, November 11 – Vienna Boys Choir – 8 p.m., Helzberg Hall

\*\*Events announced to date. Additional performances will be announced leading up to and throughout the 2017-2018 season. Updates are available at [www.kauffmancenter.org/events-tickets/kauffman-center-presents/](http://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](http://kauffmancenter.org).

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