



Future Stages Festival 2019 Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) [Do I have to register for this event if it's free?](#)
 - Registering for the event is encouraged so patrons can receive up-to-date information on any Future Stages Festival announcements, changes, performances, and activities. Registering at www.kauffmancenter.org/futurestages is FREE and also helps Kauffman Center staff prepare for the number of people planning to attend.
- 2) [Will there be food available to purchase at the event?](#)
 - Cheesy Street and KC Dogs will have food trucks available along the Kauffman Center drive at the building's south entrance, in addition to a funnel cake truck. Prices range between \$1 snacks up to \$10 food plates. Drinks will be available for purchase at the event. [Click here to see a full list of scheduled food vendors and their menus.](#) There are also a number of restaurants within walking distance of the Kauffman Center.
- 3) [What happens if it rains? Is the festival canceled?](#)
 - The show must go on! Rain or shine, the Future Stages Festival will be hosted at the Kauffman Center on June 16th. Adjustments will be made for inclement weather, but the festival will continue.
- 4) [How long is every performance?](#)
 - Each performance group has 20 minutes to perform. The schedule is blocked off in 30-minute increments to make sure there is enough time for each group to set up their equipment.
- 5) [Where can I park?](#)
 - Guests are welcome to purchase parking for \$10 in the Arts District Garage adjacent to the Kauffman Center. Additional parking is available for purchase at the Webster House parking garage (located at 17th & Wyandotte). Street parking is available and the Kauffman Center is a stop on the streetcar line at 16th and Main streets.
- 6) [What will festival security look like?](#)
 - All guests are required to go through a security checkpoint upon arrival at the Kauffman Center. Guests will pass through magnetometers and will need to submit to a bag check by qualified security professionals. In addition, Kansas City police officers will be on-site throughout the event.
- 7) [Where do I find information on each performance group?](#)
 - Performance group bios are available on the Kauffman Center website: www.kauffmancenter.org/futurestages. Each performance group will be introduced from stage prior to their performance. For performance group websites, please pick up a program book at the festival.



8) Can I bring a stroller to this event?

- Yes, strollers are welcome, and stroller parking will be available on the Kauffman Center plaza lobby level. We do ask that strollers remain outside the performance theatres so they do not obstruct walkways.

9) Is this event a competition or a showcase?

- Future Stages Festival is an extension of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors *Spotlight on Youth* initiative designed to provide opportunities for youth artists to share the stage and spotlight of the Kauffman Center. Performances are not judged or scored at the event, but selected performance groups submitted an application that was juried and scored which determined their festival participation.

10) Is there a dress code?

- Patrons arrive at Future Stages Festival in all styles of dress. Please feel free to wear casual and comfortable clothing given the weather expected. The Kauffman Center indoor areas will be air-conditioned and outdoor areas will have fans and minimal shade.

11) What kind of first-aid services will be available at the event?

- The Kauffman Center will have a KC Medical EMT and Saint Luke's Health System nurses available and on-site throughout the duration of the festival; their station will be located near the Kauffman Center box office.

12) Is personal photography permitted?

- Personal photos and videos are permitted at Future Stages Festival. Please turn off all flash photography and ensure any video recording equipment is not blocking any venue entrances, exits, walkways, or staircases.

13) How much of the Kauffman Center will be accessible to guests during the festival?

- The majority of public spaces will be accessible on the day of the event. While the theaters are reserved for performance groups, visitors are invited to explore the south lawn, Brandmeyer Great Hall, and the perimeter of the building. Arts engagement activities will be scattered inside and outside the facility.

14) I have a child performing in the festival. Where should I drop her off and pick her up after she is done performing?

- All performers will be checked in at the Performer Check-In table on the north side of the building. This is also where groups will be brought back to after their performance. Brandmeyer Great Hall is a good place to wait for your child after their performance.

15) As a parent of a performer, can I join my child backstage?

- We ask that only chaperones approved by the performance group leaders be brought into backstage areas. All adults who are backstage will be required to wear provided credentials throughout their time in these areas.