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FREE KAUFFMAN CENTER FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT SET FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

5th annual Future Stages Festival to feature 750 youth performers

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is proud to announce the performers and arts activity partners for the fifth annual Future Stages Festival. This free community event will be held at the Kauffman Center and will highlight diverse youth performing arts groups from the KC Metro area by giving them a chance to perform on the Center's stages.

To celebrate the festival's fifth year, the Kauffman Center is adding a new performance space and featuring more community arts groups than previous years. Future Stages Festival is presented by the Kauffman Center's Premier Partner, Saint Luke's Health System and will feature **33 community groups from the greater Kansas City region** performing throughout the day in Muriel Kauffman Theatre, Helzberg Hall, the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage, and a new space, the Community Outdoor Stage. This new stage will feature small act performances and audience engagements including a stage combat training session and a community dance workshop. Performance groups were selected through an application process and represent a variety of performing arts disciplines.

Future Stages Festival invites attendees to engage in FREE arts activities hosted on the south lawn at the Kauffman Center and indoors in Brandmeyer Great Hall. Among the wide range of activities, guests will be invited to make kites, build sculptures, create instruments, and dress up in costumes. RSVP to stay updated on event performance groups and activities. There will be a free ticket drawing for two registrants who RSVP prior to the festival. Event details and updates can be found [here](#).

Media images available [here](#) for use.

Future Stages Festival Featured Performances by:

- AileyCamp
- Arts in Motion Blkdance Shule
- Caruthers Creative Center's Hot Stepperz
- Charlie Parker Memorial Jazz Ensemble
- Crescendo Conservatory's Crescendo in Motion
- Fab 4 Quartet
- Future Jazz KC
- Harmony Project KC
- Heart of America Shakespeare Festival: Team Shakespeare
- Heart of America Youth Ballet
- House of Dance/BEST Network
- ICE Studios Youth Dance
- Kansas City Boys Choir/Kansas City Girls Choir
- KC Ballet School

- KC Institute of Chinese Dance and Language
- KC Youth Percussion Ensemble
- KC Young Audiences Dance Students
- KC Young Audiences Garage Band
- Kristi's Academy of Dance
- Lawrence Ballet Theatre
- Lily Zhang Li Dance Academy
- Lyric Opera: LyriKids
- Metropolitan Conservatory
- MTKC - SunRaise
- Mudra Dance Academy
- O'Riada Irish Dance Academy
- Ottawa Suzuki Strings
- Rhythm-scape
- Starlight STARS
- Take the Stage - Team EXCEL!
- The Smithville Ringleaders
- Traditional Music Society's Soundz of Africa
- United Dance

Arts Activities Provided by:

- American Institute of Architects - Kansas City
- Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri
- Great American Kites & Events
- Heart of America Shakespeare Festival
- The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art
- Kansas City Ballet
- Kansas City Chiefs
- Kansas City Symphony
- Kansas City Zoo
- KCPT Kids
- Lyric Opera of Kansas City
- Museum at Prairiefire
- Planet Play KC
- StoneLion Puppet Theatre
- UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance

As an extension of the Kauffman Center's Open Doors *Spotlight on Youth* program, the festival gives youth and community arts organizations the opportunity to perform and celebrate diverse art forms in Kansas City.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **When:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, 2018
- **Where:** Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, 1601 Broadway Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108
- **Cost:** FREE and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP at kauffmancenter.org/futurestages to receive the latest event updates and schedule for performances and activities.

- **More information:** Registration is optional. No tickets will be issued. Once registered, attendees will automatically qualify for a drawing to win two tickets to an upcoming performance at the Kauffman Center. All ages are welcome; programming is suggested as most suitable for families with youth ages 4 - 15.

Funding for Future Stages Festival comes from: The Marlese and Richard Gourley Children's Fund; The Hearst Foundations; Courtney S. Turner Charitable Trust; John H. Mize Jr. and Bank of America, N.A. Trustees; National Endowment for the Arts; the Missouri Arts Council; Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund of the City of Kansas City, MO; JE Dunn Construction; and NuWin Care. Festival support is provided by Cumulus Media, KCPT Kids, and Southwest Airlines.

ABOUT THE OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

The Kauffman Center Open Doors program connects young people to the arts through three major components:

- The Open Doors [*Spotlight on Youth*](#) initiative offers year-round programs and engagement opportunities that connect young people with the Kauffman Center.
- The Open Doors [*Community Tickets*](#) program offers free and reduced price performance tickets to underserved audiences through local social service agencies and schools.
- The Open Doors [*Transportation Fund*](#) helps schools offer high quality performing arts experiences to students by eliminating or defraying the costs of bus transportation.

More information about Open Doors programs is available at: kauffmancenter.org/open-doors.

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.

Follow the Kauffman Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get details about upcoming performances and behind-the-scenes access.



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