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**PRESENTS**

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**"WEIRD AL" COMING TO THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FALL 2022**

*"Weird Al" Yankovic embarks on Second Ill-Advised Tour*

Kansas City, MO – Almost four years after his first foray into unfamiliar concert territory with his highly-acclaimed "Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour," "Weird Al" Yankovic will be pressing his luck again, this time with "The Unfortunate Return of the Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour." **The 140-show tour comes to the Kauffman Center Sept. 2, 2022.**

Tickets for "Weird Al" range from \$49 to \$99 plus applicable fees. Tickets go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11. Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Box Office at (816) 994-7222 or online at [kauffmancenter.org](http://kauffmancenter.org).



**ABOUT "WEIRD AL"**

"Weird Al" Yankovic, who grew up as a shy, accordion-playing teenager, got his start by sending homemade tapes to the "Dr. Demento Radio Show." He's since gone on to become a pop culture icon and the biggest-selling comedy recording artist of all time. Some of his classic song parodies include "Eat it," "Like a Surgeon," "Smells Like Nirvana," "Amish Paradise," "White & Nerdy" and "World Crimes."

In the spring of 2018, AI played to sold-out crowds throughout North America with his “Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour,” where he and his band played a different set list every night, comprised almost entirely of his original (non-parody) material, and without any of his signature high-octane production (no costumes, props or giant video screens).

Once again drawing from his back catalogue of 14 studio albums, “Weird AI” promises no two shows will be the same. As before, the show will feature Yankovic’s non-parody material – the somewhat more obscure pastiches and original songs that will resonate with his adoring long-time fans.

In his Kauffman Center debut, he’ll go bare-bones – no costumes, no props, no video screens ... just AI and his band of almost four decades hanging out on stage, playing music.

Reflecting on his decision to bring back the stripped-down concerts, AI said, “I’ve loved doing every single incarnation of my live show, but honestly the ‘Vanity’ tour is the most fun I’ve ever had on stage ... so I’ve been dying to get back out there and torture everybody with it once again!”

Opening the show each night will be returning fan favorite and AI’s long-time friend (and “UHF” cast member), the legendary comedian Emo Philips.

*Patrons, including children under 12, must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen test taken within 72 hours of the performance. COVID tests must be administered by an official testing center (pharmacy, healthcare provider, clinic/laboratory, etc.). Over-the-counter, self-administered tests will not be accepted. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 safety measures, check our [event updates](#) and [health pages](#).*

#### **KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SERIES SCHEDULE\***

The *Kauffman Center Presents* series features extraordinary and diverse artists from a variety of musical genres and performance styles. [Access to approved media photos for 2021-2022 Kauffman Center Presents artists can be found here.](#) Upcoming events include:

#### **2021-2022 Kauffman Center Presents events:**

- Jan. 18, 2022 – National Geographic Live: The Secret Life of Bears – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Jan. 22, 2022 – *Mystery Science Theater 3000 LIVE: Time Bubble Tour* – 7:30p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Jan. 23, 2022 – Diana Krall– 7 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Feb. 9, 2022 – The Beach Boys – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Feb. 10, 2022 – Nick Mason’s Saucerful of Secrets: The Echoes Tour – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Feb. 22, 2022 – National Geographic Live: Improbable Ascent – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- March 15, 2022 – National Geographic Live: Akashinga: The Brave Ones – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- March 18, 2022 – Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy and Family – 7 p.m., Helzberg Hall
- March 22, 2022 – The TEN Tenors – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- April 5, 2022 – National Geographic Live: Nature Roars Back – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- April 10, 2022 –Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons – 8 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- April 27, 2022 – The Queen’s Cartoonists – 7 p.m., Helzberg Hall
- May 5, 2022 – National Geographic Live: Wild Seas, Secret Shores – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Sept. 2, 2022 – “Weird AI” Yankovic – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre

*Look for more Kauffman Center Presents, announcements coming soon.*

\*Additional performances will be announced throughout the 2021-2022 season. Updates are available at [kauffmancenter.org/kauffman-center-presents](http://kauffmancenter.org/kauffman-center-presents).

#### **ABOUT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

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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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