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Kauffman Center Presents
Adds Four New Shows to the 2024-2025 Season
Trace Adkins, The Hip Hop Nutcracker,
DRUMLine Live, and Pink Martini

TICKETS ON SALE for all performances Aug. 9, 2024

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to announce the latest additions to the *Kauffman Center Presents* 2024 - 2025 season line-up:

- Trace Adkins, Somewhere in America Tour
Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, 7:30 p.m. in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- The Hip Hop Nutcracker
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, 7:30 p.m. in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- DRUMLine Live
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, 7:30 p.m. in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Pink Martini featuring China Forbes, 30th Anniversary Tour
Monday, March 10, 2025, 7:30 p.m. in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Kauffman Center Presents promises to deliver extraordinary and diverse experiences featuring internationally recognized artists and performers for Kansas City audiences. High-resolution photos of upcoming *Kauffman Center Presents* performers can be found [here](#).

President and CEO Paul Schofer looks forward to these distinctive season additions.

“We have welcomed Pink Martini twice previously at the Kauffman Center and each time, our audiences enjoy their unique blend of jazz, pop and latin music. It’s always such fun to hear them perform. The Hip Hop Nutcracker and DRUMLive will be new to our venue, and both promise to bring so much excitement and pure joy while Trace Adkins will bring some country fun. I am thrilled to welcome them all!”

Trace Adkins, Somewhere in America

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: Aug. 9, 2024, at 10 a.m.

In his 25-year career in country music, **Trace Adkins** has sold more than 11 MILLION albums, charted over 20 singles and earned numerous awards and GRAMMY nominations. A Grand Ole Opry member for nearly two decades, the Louisiana native is known for dynamic baritone and fiery, always-memorable live performances. He broke out in 1996 with the debut album, *Dream’ Out Loud*, cracking the Top 5 of Billboard’s Hot Country Songs chart with “Every Light in the House Is On” and following with the #1 smash, “This Ain’t (No Thinkin’ Thing).” Since then, Adkins has pioneered a mix of classic Country minded traditionalism and adventurous, good-natured showmanship, breaking open new avenues in modern country through fun-filled hits like “Honky Tonk Badonkadonk” and “Hillbilly Bone.”

For more information, visit TraceAdkins.com.

The Hip Hop Nutcracker

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: Aug. 9, 2024, at 10 a.m.

A holiday mash-up for the whole family, **The Hip Hop Nutcracker** returns for another spectacular tour. Directed and choreographed by Tony and Olivier Award-nominated Jennifer Weber, this contemporary dance spectacle is a re-mixed and re-imagined version of the classic; smashing hip-hop dance and Tchaikovsky’s timeless music together into a heart-stirring and inspirational holiday event.

Just like the original, in *The Hip Hop Nutcracker*, Maria-Clara and the Nutcracker Prince go on a dream adventure battling a gang of mice, visiting the land of sweets and learning the lessons of the holiday season. Innovative digital graffiti and visuals transform the landscape of E.T.A. Hoffmann’s beloved story from traditional 19th Century Germany to the vibrant, diverse sights and sounds of contemporary New York City.

For more information, visit hiphopnutcracker.com.

DRUMLine Live

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: Aug. 9, 2024, at 10 a.m.

DRUMLine Live is an international tour based on the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching band tradition. With riveting rhythms, bold beats and ear-grabbing energy, this stage show is a synchronized musical showcase of the HBCU experience. Incorporating original compositions and soul-infused interpretations of top 40 hits, group performances range from colorful, choreographed routines to heavy doses of drum riffs and cadences.

For more information, visit DRUMLinelive.com.

Pink Martini featuring China Forbes, 30th Anniversary Tour

Monday, March 10, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: Aug. 9, 2024, at 10 a.m.

A multi-genre, multi-lingual and absolutely beloved “little orchestra,” led by Thomas Lauderdale and featuring China Forbes as the lead singer and collaborator, **Pink Martini** is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Called a “rollicking around-the-world musical adventure” by founder and pianist Thomas Lauderdale, Pink Martini performs an irresistible, postmodern amalgam anchored by 20th-century pop and jazz, surprising and delighting audiences with every new tour and recording.

Featuring a dozen musicians with songs in 25 languages, Pink Martini performs its multilingual repertoire on concert stages on six continents. After making its European debut at the Cannes Film Festival in 1997 and its orchestral debut with the Oregon Symphony in 1998, the band has gone on to play with more than 50 orchestras around the world, including multiple engagements with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the Boston Pops, the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, the San Francisco Symphony, The Cleveland Orchestra and the BBC Concert Orchestra at Royal Albert Hall in London. In 2014, Pink Martini was inducted into both the Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame and the Oregon Music Hall of Fame. Pink Martini has released 11 studio albums on its own independent label Heinz Records (named after Lauderdale’s dog), selling over three million albums worldwide.

For more information, visit pinkmartini.com.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets go on sale to the public August 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Ticket Office at 816.994.7222 or online at tickets.kauffmancenter.org.

PARKING & DOWNTOWN MAPS

Find information and maps for Kauffman Center parking and street closure updates at kauffmancenter.org/parking. The Arts District Garage is the primary parking garage for patrons. The garage is directly attached to the Kauffman Center just south of the building with multiple access points to surrounding streets. Purchasing event parking in advance is highly recommended as it often will sell out. The garage is \$13 per car in advance or \$16 upon arrival or valet is \$22 in advance or \$24 upon arrival.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Kauffman Center's promise to bring artists and audiences together is reflected in many ways, including removing barriers and providing access to our performing arts experiences for all patrons. You can learn more by visiting kauffmancenter.org/accessibility. To request services or receive additional information that would make your visit more enjoyable, please contact our ticket office at 816.994.7222 or contact@kauffmancenter.org.

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ABOUT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Opening in 2011, the Kauffman Center serves as a cultural cornerstone for extraordinary and diverse music, opera, theater and dance performances for Kansas City and the region. Designed by internationally recognized architect Moshe Safdie, the Kauffman Center has

been honored as one of the World's 15 Most Beautiful Concert Halls, which attracts some of the world's most renowned performers and entertainers. The 285,000-square-foot Center includes two performance halls: the 1,800-seat Muriel Kauffman Theatre that hosts dance performances, operas, plays and musicals and the 1,600-seat Helzberg Hall, a venue for a wide range of musical performances, from chamber music to full orchestral concerts, jazz and pop, lectures and recitals.

The Kauffman Center is the performance home for three of the region's leading performing arts organizations – Kansas City Ballet, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Kansas City Symphony. In addition, the *Kauffman Center Presents* series brings in performing artists at the top of their classes as well as *Trailblazing Talks*, a live speaker series. Since opening, the Kauffman Center has offered over 3,100 performances and welcomed more than 4.5 million visitors.

By engaging the community and creating access to arts experiences, more than 415,000 students attended over 366 matinees offered by the Kauffman Center, its resident companies and other arts organizations. More information about the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts can be found at kauffmancenter.org.

KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SCHEDULE*

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

2024-2025 Kauffman Center Presents

- Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18, 12:30 & 3:30 p.m. – Bluey's Big Play – The Stage Show
- Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, 7:30 p.m. – The Righteous Brothers
- Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. – Celtic Thunder
- Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, 7:30 p.m. – Keb' Mo' & Shawn Colvin with Special Guest Paul Kelly
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m. – Cameron Carpenter
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. – Andy Grammer, Greater Than: A One Man Show
- Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. – Walking with Ghosts: Real Life Hauntings with Amy Bruni
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. – Trace Adkins, Somewhere in America Tour
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m. – Vitamin String Quartet | VSQ, The Music of Taylor Swift, Bridgerton and Beyond
- Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, 7:30 p.m. – The Hip Hop Nutcracker
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Josh Gates Live! An Evening of Legends, Mysteries and Tales of Adventures
- Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, 7:30 p.m. – DRUMLine Live
- Monday, March 10, 2025, 7:30 p.m. – Pink Martini featuring China Forbes, 30th Anniversary Tour

**Kauffman Center Presents* events announced to date. Additional performances will be announced throughout the year.

The Kauffman Center offers more than 350 performances annually. The complete calendar of events is available at tickets.kauffmancenter.org.