

Do I have to register for this event if it is 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 kauffmancenter.org/futurestages is FREE and helps the Kauffman Center staff prepare for the number of people planning to attend.

What happens if it rains? Is the festival canceled?

The show must go on! Future Stages Festival is a rain or shine event, however, performances and activities planned for outdoors may be canceled by inclement weather on the festival day or in the days leading up to the festival. The Kauffman Center closely monitors the weather in the days and weeks leading up to the festival and will make decisions with the safety of performers, patrons and staff in mind.

Where can I park?

The Arts District Garage, directly attached to the Kauffman Center and just south of the building, is available for guests to purchase parking at the daily rate of \$2 per hour (maximum of \$13). Credit and debit cards are accepted at the garage, but cash is not accepted. Entrances for the Arts District Garage are located off 17th St and off Wyandotte St. Additional parking is available for purchase at the Webster Garage (located at 17th St. & Wyandotte St.) Street parking is available, and the Kauffman Center is a stop on the streetcar line at 16th St. and Main St.

Are outside food and drinks allowed at Future Stages Festival?

Outside food and drinks will not be permitted into the festival with the exception of a **sealed** disposable bottle of water or an **empty** reusable water bottle that can be filled at water fountains throughout the Kauffman Center. Light food and drinks will be available at concessions inside the facility and food trucks located on the south driveway. **Please note, no food or drinks are allowed inside Muriel Kauffman Theatre or Helzberg Hall.**

Will there be food available to purchase at the event?

[Pink Taco](#) and [Tasty Unicorn](#) will be on site with light food options and sweet treats available to purchase. These two trucks will be located on the Kauffman Center's driveway near the building's south entrance. There are also several restaurants within walking distance of the Kauffman Center.

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

The Kauffman Center will have KC Medical EMT available and on-site throughout the duration of the festival. Additionally, Saint Luke's Health System will also have a first aid station located near the Kauffman Center ticket office.

What will festival security look like?

All persons and items entering the Kauffman Center are required to go through security screening upon arrival. Kauffman Center management reserves the right to refuse any item deemed a potential safety or security risk or with the potential to be a distraction to the event being held. Screenings may include, but are not limited to, bag searches, visual screenings, hand-held magnetometers and walk-through magnetometers and/or threat detection systems. For more information about prohibited items, please visit kauffmancenter.org/the-center/policies.

What if I become separated from my child?

In the event of a missing child, please immediately find a Kauffman Center staff member or volunteer. All Kauffman Center event staff and ushers are trained for emergency situations including missing persons. Additionally, “Tag-a-Tot” opportunities will be available at festival information tables. “Tag-a-Tot” provides a wristband containing the contact information of a parent or guardian to help reunite the child in the event of separation.

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 appropriate for the weather forecast. The Kauffman Center indoor areas will be air-conditioned, and outdoor areas will have some fans and shade.

Can I bring a stroller to this event?

Yes, strollers are welcome, and stroller storage will be available on the Kauffman Center Plaza Lobby level and on Brandmeyer Great Hall. Please note, strollers must remain outside Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall, so they do not obstruct aisles.

Can I bring my pet to this event?

Pets will not be allowed at Future Stages Festival in any indoor or outdoor space. Service animals are always welcome at the Kauffman Center.

Is personal photography permitted?

Personal photos and videos are permitted at Future Stages Festival. Please turn off all flash photography. Professional equipment and photo/video are not permitted except by approved festival photographers who will be on site capturing images throughout the event. Attendance at Future Stages Festival gives the patron’s consent to any recordings or photographs made by the venue or their contractors.

How much of the Kauffman Center will be open to guests during the festival?

Most public spaces will be open on the day of the event. Visitors may enjoy performances in both theaters, as well as exploring the south lawn, Brandmeyer Great Hall and the building’s perimeter. Engaging arts activities from community partners can be found inside and outside of the facility.

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 stage transitions between groups.

Where do I find a schedule/information on each performance group?

Performance group descriptions and performance schedules are available on the Kauffman Center website: kauffmancenter.org/futurestages. Each performance group will be introduced from stage prior to their performance.

I have a child performing in the festival. Where should I drop them off and pick them up after they are done performing?

All performers will be checked in at the Performer Check-In table on the north side of the building (16th Street). Groups performing on an indoor stage will be released to Brandmeyer Great Hall (lobby space) after their performance. Groups performing on outdoor stages will be released from the stage after their performance. Performance group leaders are responsible for reuniting parents with their children post-performance.

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. Only these approved chaperones will be provided with credentials that must be worn at all times and granted access to backstage areas.

Can I bring flowers for a performer?

Flowers are welcome inside the building, but we ask that they are kept outside of Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall. We invite all guests to leave their flowers inside the gift shop or another designated location.

Can I bring balloons for a performer?

Balloons filled with helium are not permitted within the Kauffman Center.

Is this event a competition or a showcase?

Future Stages Festival is an extension of the Kauffman Center's community engagement programs and is designed to provide opportunities for young artists to share the stage and spotlight of the Kauffman Center. Participating performance groups were selected through a juried and scored application process. Performances are not judged or scored at the event.