

2025 Future Stages Festival Performance Group Bios



The A-Flat Youth Orchestra

Performing at 12 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

aflatmusicstudio.com

"The story of the A-Flat Youth Orchestra started with an idea. Take an idea, add imagination and an idea becomes a dream. Take a dream, add focus and a dream becomes a vision. Take a vision, add hard work and a vision becomes reality. The A-Flat Youth Orchestra started as an idea. Today we see the reality.

The A-Flat Youth Orchestra was founded by Darryl Chamberlain as an avenue for youth who want to play a musical instrument but don't have the opportunity through their public school. The A-Flat Youth Orchestra is open to any youth in the Kansas City area who would like to study instrumental music. The teaching staff of A-Flat Music Studio Inc. provide education which adheres to guidelines set by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. A-Flat Youth Orchestra has been featured on the NBC Today Show's Feel-Good Friday series and numerous media outlets across the Kansas City area." Photo provided by The A-Flat Youth Orchestra.



AileyCamp The Group

Performing at 12 p.m. on the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage

kcfaa.org

"AileyCamp the Group (ACTG) was created in 1995 by Chief Artistic Officer Tyrone Aiken for students that complete AileyCamp and students in high school. ACTG students are in grades seven through 12 and take two dance classes per week in ballet, modern and jazz dance and participate in personal development classes." Photo provided by AileyCamp The Group.



The Barton Street Band

**Performing at 1:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Symphony's
Mobile Music Box**

facebook.com/BartonStreetBand

"The Barton Street Band features 14-year-old twins, Arlo and Ira Good. Supported by their father on bass, the band has been performing for over eight years at various venues including the Culture House, The Kansas City Zoo, The Merriam Community Center and the Future Stages Festival at the Kauffman Center." Photo provided by the Barton Street Band.



Base Academy of Music Ensembles

Performing at 1 p.m. on the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage

bamkc.org

"Base Academy of Music, BAM, is a nonprofit music school in Kansas City, Missouri that makes learning a musical instrument affordable and accessible for urban youth. We ignite our students' love for music, help them play their very first notes and discover their potential, musically and otherwise." Photo provided by Base Academy of Music.



Creative Emajinations

Performing at 1:30 p.m. on the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage

ce816kids.org

"Five Stone Stacked of Creative Emajinations is a group of close friends and talented youth artists creating original songs that inspire positivity, community pride, empowerment, addressing trending topics and connecting with audiences through meaningful messages." Photo provided by Creative Emajinations.



Crescendo Conservatory

Performing at 3:30 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

crescendokc.com

"Crescendo Conservatory, a dance conservatory located in Olathe, Kansas, is a non-competition studio that focuses on dance as a performing art. Crescendo Conservatory offers professional, creative dance instruction in ballet, pointe, contemporary, jazz and musical theater." Photo provided by Crescendo Conservatory.



Dramatic Truth School of The Arts

Performing at 2:30 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

dramatictruth.org

"Dramatic Truth has a passion for impacting lives through the arts. We offer classes for the whole family that include ballet, modern, contemporary, Irish step, musical theatre, breaking, jazz and tap. We believe in excellent technique and want our students and audience members to be inspired by our performances." Photo provided by Dramatic Truth School of the Arts.



Driscoll Irish Dancers

Performing at 4 p.m. on Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage

driscolldancers.com

"The Driscoll School of Irish Dance has been sharing its love of all things Irish for fifteen years! They offer classes for preschoolers through adults. They are an active part of their Shawnee community and love to compete and perform all year long."

Photo provided by Driscoll Irish Dancers.



Eva Moore's Performing Arts Center

Performing at 4:30 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

danceatempac.com

"Eva Moore's Performing Arts Center has brought the art of dance to Cass County for 14 years. Their competitive company is a group of artists aged five - 18 who have committed themselves to growth in dance by becoming well-rounded artists focused on technique, expression and personal growth."

Photo provided by Eva Moore's Performing Arts Center.



Grupo Folklórico Alma Tapatía

Performing at 3:30 p.m. on the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage

gfalmatapatia.com

"Grupo Folklórico Alma Tapatía is a passionate dance group dedicated to promoting the rich cultural heritage of México. Everyone is welcome to join their classes and immerse themselves in the beauty of folkloric dance. Each performance is a celebration that fills the stage with color and life, inviting the audience to join in."

Photo provided by Grupo Folklórico Alma Tapatía.



Gurukul Dance Academy

Performing at 4 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

gurukulacademykc.com

"Gurukul, a premier institute of dance, imparts training in the East Indian style of Kuchipudi. Gurukul has trained innumerable students and staged groundbreaking productions. It has also collaborated with mainstream local dancers and visual artists. Through school outreach programs, Gurukul has raised awareness about Indian dance." Photo provided by Gurukul Dance Academy.



HK Chinese Folk Dance Group

Performing at 4:30 p.m. on the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage

"The HK Chinese Folk Dance Group is a volunteer group that prides itself on community services. Dance teacher, Hoi Kei Au, has been teaching Chinese folk dance for more than 25 years, and her group regularly receives invitations to perform for nonprofit, religious, school and community organizations." Photo provided by HK Chinese Folk Dance Group.



HPKC Camerata Orchestra

Performing at 12:30 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

necc-kc.org

"The Northeast Community Center utilizes the universal language of music to develop young musicians and minds, partner with families and build community in Kansas City. Through its flagship program, Harmony Project KC, students ages six - 18 receive free instruments, music education and wraparound support." Photo provided by Harmony Project KC.



ICE Studios School of Dance

Performing at 1 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

icestudiosdance.org

"ICE Studios School of Dance is a premier youth dance program in Kansas City dedicated to empowering young artists through the performing arts. Our studio provides high-quality training in ballet, jazz, hip-hop, contemporary and acrobatics for dancers ages three to 18." Photo provided by ICE Studios School of Dance.



Kansas City Aerial Arts - Training Company

Performing at 12 p.m. at the Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box

kansascityaerialarts.com

"Kansas City Aerial Arts is a premier circus and aerial arts training organization fostering confidence, creativity and strength through movement. Our Training Company features dedicated performers honing their skills in aerial silks, lyra, trapeze and acrobatics." Photo provided by Kansas City Aerial Arts.



Kansas City Horn Club Youth Ensemble
Performing at 3 p.m. in Helzberg Hall
kchorclub.org

“The Kansas City Horn Club Youth Ensemble, made up of middle and high school horn players, shares concerts with the KC Horn Club to bring music to the community. They develop skills, connect with peers and receive mentorship from Kansas City Horn Club coaches through rehearsals, masterclasses and performances.” Photo provided by KC Horn Club.



Kansas City Institute of Chinese Language and Culture
Performing at 3 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre
kcschool.org/home/author/kcschoolorg/

“Founded in 1998, the Kansas City KCICLC Chinese School is the largest of its kind in the region. It offers 16 Chinese language classes and cultural enrichment programs, including traditional Chinese dance. Its dance team, active in the community, delivers captivating performances that enrich Kansas City's cultural landscape.” Photo provided by Kansas City Institute of Chinese Language and Culture.



Kansas City Movement
Performing at 12 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre
kansascitymovement.com

“Kansas City Movement, directed by sisters Rachel Plante EuDaly, Amber EuDaly Eames and Rachael EuDaly Gravitt was founded in 1996 and has provided a unique dance opportunity for thousands of youth for the past two decades.

Kansas City Movement’s daytime dance program was featured in Dance Teacher Magazine in 2011 and is considered to be the longest established program of its kind nationwide. KCM combines its daytime and evening classes for an extensive offering of beginning through advanced training in ballet, pointe, tap, modern, contemporary, jazz, improvisation and lyrical dance. A teacher’s assistant program provides opportunity for outstanding youth who display leadership potential to learn syllabus and gain experience through substitute teaching when needed. KCM takes an active role in benefit performances for organizations in the local community such as the Northwest Children’s Advocacy Center (Voices of Courage) and The Hope House.”

Kansas City Movement continued below

Kansas City Movement continued "Kansas City Movement is unique in performance orientation. The KCM production team has written and produced 12 full length original story ballets over the past 22 years. Developed over an 18-month period, dance students, choreographers, writers, set, costume and lighting designers all work together to create an immersive experience that brings powerful stories and characters to life on stage. Kansas City Movement's foundation is the conviction that dance is fulfilling its highest calling when its purpose is centered around the story it is telling." Photo provided by Kansas City Movement.



KC Youth Percussion Ensemble
Performing at 1:30 p.m. in Helzberg Hall
kcy.pe.org

"The KC Youth Percussion Ensemble is Kansas City's first and finest group for drum loving students. We bring students together from across the Kansas City Metro region from Smithville, Missouri to Edgerton, Kansas. With internationally recognized faculty, KCYPE provides unparalleled experiences and performances unavailable anywhere else."

"In addition to our annual winter, spring and summer concerts, KCYPE Students have performed all across the Midwest at the National Conference of Percussion Pedagogy in Norman, Oklahoma; concerts with Kansas State University, Washburn University and Mid-America Nazarene University; and special performances at the Kansas City Public Library. In 2021, KCYPE was asked to perform at the "Guns and Hoses" charity event for the families of fallen first responders. In 2024, KCYPE has been invited to participate at the International Percussion Festival in Lliria, Spain. KCYPE has the honor of performing in master classes with the SO Percussion Group at the 2019 Kansas Day of Percussion, and we regularly perform with local music superstars like David Yoon (Kansas City Symphony Asst. Principal Percussionist), Helen Harrellson (Fountain City Brass Band Founder), Bryan Busby (Meteorologist and TV Personality), Von Hansen (Washburn University Professor) and Julia Gains (University of Missouri Professor). For our last concert, we partnered with local Mexican Marimba group 'Marimba de Chiapas' to introduce our kids to the marimba's origin and learn about new styles and cultures of the marimba. KCYPE was featured on Classical KC 91.9FM as a local artist in 2021 as we were one of the only groups to have in-person rehearsals during the COVID pandemic. KCYPE is also distinguished by sponsorship of the Vic Firth Stick and Mallet Company, as well as D'addario Music Company for all of our stick/mallet and drumhead needs."



The Lawrence Arts Center Irish Dancers

**Performing at 3 p.m. at the
Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage**

lawrenceartscenter.org

"The Lawrence Arts Center Irish Dancers hope to inspire you to stay active and connected with your community and heritage. LAC's mission is to cultivate artistry, excellence and healthy communities through dance training, performance and community engagement. Learn more at lawrenceartscenter.org." Photo provided by the Lawrence Arts Center Irish Dancers.



Little Africa

**Performing at 2 p.m. on the
Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage**

traditionalmusicsociety.org

"The Little Africa ensemble is a youth component of the Traditional Music Society. In addition to children's classes and workshops it conducts around the metropolitan area, this group of youngsters perform African music. Over the years, through their presentations, they have encouraged other youth in the community to be involved in the cultural arts." Photo provided by the Traditional Music Society.



Live Jazz KC High School All-Stars

Performing at 2 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

livejazzkc.com

"This ensemble comprises aspiring jazz musicians from high schools in the Overland Park and Kansas City metros to further their skills in ensemble playing, stylistic interpretation, improvisation and jazz history through professional level jazz charts in multiple eras." Photo provided by Live Jazz KC.



Lyric Singers of St. Joseph Youth Chorale
Performing at 3:30 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

sjycsings.org

“Lyric Singers is the advanced performing group of St. Joseph Youth Chorale also known as SJYC. Founded in 2012, SJYC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational charity dedicated to the promotion of advanced choral music education experiences for exceptional singers in grades two - 12.” Photo provided by Lyric Singers of St. Joseph Youth Chorale.



MSACP Orchestra
Performing at 3 p.m. at the Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box

msaorchestras.com

“Students are drawn to the MSA Orchestra's unique repertoire selection and small class sizes that offer frequent solo and section leadership opportunities. The director actively involves interested students in repertoire selection and creative planning. Themes range from Flamenco to film scores and are always fresh and fun!” Photo provided by MSACP Orchestra.



Pleasant Hill Dance Academy
Performing at 4 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

phdanceacademy.com

“Pleasant Hill Dance Academy was founded in 2011 and offers classes in tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, hip-hop, acrobatics, musical theatre, contemporary, preschool, adult tap and aerial silks. This year, an adaptive class has been added for kids with special needs. The dancers perform at local rehab centers and events.” Photo provided by Pleasant Hill Dance Academy.



Priscilla & Dana's Tap Dance Company

Performing at 12:30 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

priscillaandddanas.net

“Our members live across the metro and study the art of tap dancing in North Kansas City. Under the direction of Teri Day, these performers learn performance skills, musicality, tap technique, improvisation and tap history. Students host an annual event to benefit the National Brain Tumor Society and have raised over \$100,000.”
Photo provided by Priscilla & Dana’s Tap Dance Company.



Pythons Drill Team

Performing at 12:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box

pythonsdrillteam.com

“THIS IS NOT A DRILL!! It's the legendary Pythons Drill Team! The Pythons is a community based nonprofit organization that provides a safe outlet for Kansas City's youth to express their talents with drills and drums. Celebrating 39 years, the team has expanded, traveled the world and been featured on national TV.” Photo provided by Pythons Drill Team.



Rebel Song Academy

Performing at 2:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box

artasmentorship.org

“Art as Mentorship is a Kansas City-based nonprofit organization that takes an innovative approach to fully grasp young students’ full potential through music programs. We envision an inclusive community where under-represented artists are emboldened to raise their voices through music.”
Photo provided by Rebel Song Academy.



STG Studio

Performing at 4:30 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

summittheatre.org/stg-studio

“Nestled in the heart of Lee’s Summit, STG Studio has been a beacon of creativity and education, transforming the lives of countless individuals through the power of the performing arts.

Since our inception, we have cultivated a welcoming and inclusive environment where students of all ages can explore their artistic potential. Our dedicated team of experienced instructors provides comprehensive training in a variety of disciplines, including dance, theatre and music. We believe that the performing arts not only enhance artistic skills but also foster confidence, discipline and collaboration among our students.

Our impact extends beyond the studio as we actively engage with the community. Through outreach programs and performances at local schools and community festivals, we strive to make the arts accessible to everyone. We are proud to offer scholarships and financial assistance to ensure that all aspiring artists can pursue their passion, regardless of their economic background.

In addition to our classes, we host workshops, masterclasses and community events that encourage creativity and connection. Our studio provides students with the opportunity to perform in a professional setting, allowing them to shine and share their talents with friends and family.” Photo provided by STG Studio.



Storybook Theatre

Performing at 1:30 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

storybooktheatrekc.com

“Storybook Theatre, a youth performing arts company, provides opportunities for kids of all ages to be the star of their own story! Now in its 20th year, Storybook offers classes, camps, workshops and productions year-round. It passionately empowers students to build community and to share their voices with the world.” Photo provided by Storybook Theatre.



String Sprouts KC

Performing at 1 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

heartlandchambermusic.org/string-sprouts

“String Sprouts KC is a program provided by Heartland Chamber Music. Our mission is to connect, engage and inspire students at an early age for a lifetime of musical education and performance. Our organization provides 32 strings classes for students and their parents/caregivers at several locations around the Kansas City metro.” Photo provided by String Sprouts KC.



Tahitian Association of Kansas City

Performing at 2:30 p.m. on the Saint Luke's Outdoor Stage

“The Tahitian Association of Kansas City is a nonprofit organization that provides education and entertainment from the Tahitian culture. We are a family made organization, and our goal is to shine the beauty of Tahitian song, dance and culture to the world.” Photo provided by the Tahitian Association of Kansas City.



The Last Carnival

Performing at 4 p.m. at the Kansas City Symphony's Mobile Music Box

sihkaanndestroy.com

“Come one come all to The Last Carnival Acrobats show where you will be on the edge of your seats! The Last Carnival Acrobats are a Lawrence, Kansas based circus troupe that specializes in high danger acts that will wow audiences of all ages with feats of strength, flexibility and flight.” Photo provided by The Last Carnival.



Voler Aerial Academy Youth
Performing at 2 p.m. at the
Kansas City's Symphony Mobile Music Box
Thievesofflight.com

“For those who always wanted to run away to the circus! Voler - Thieves of Flight, Kansas City's Premier Aerial Academy, is an edgy and experimental collaboration of aerial dance and acrobatics with over 15 years' experience. At Voler, we have a passion for helping mentor budding youth aerialists.” Photo provided by Voler Aerial Academy.