

Kauffman Center
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



THE *Story*

In 1995, Muriel Kauffman, civic leader and philanthropist, discussed her vision for a performing arts center with her family and the community. As chairman of the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation, Julia Kauffman has been the energetic force to turn her mother's dream into one of the most technically and architecturally sophisticated performing arts centers in the world.

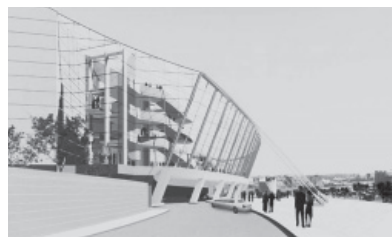
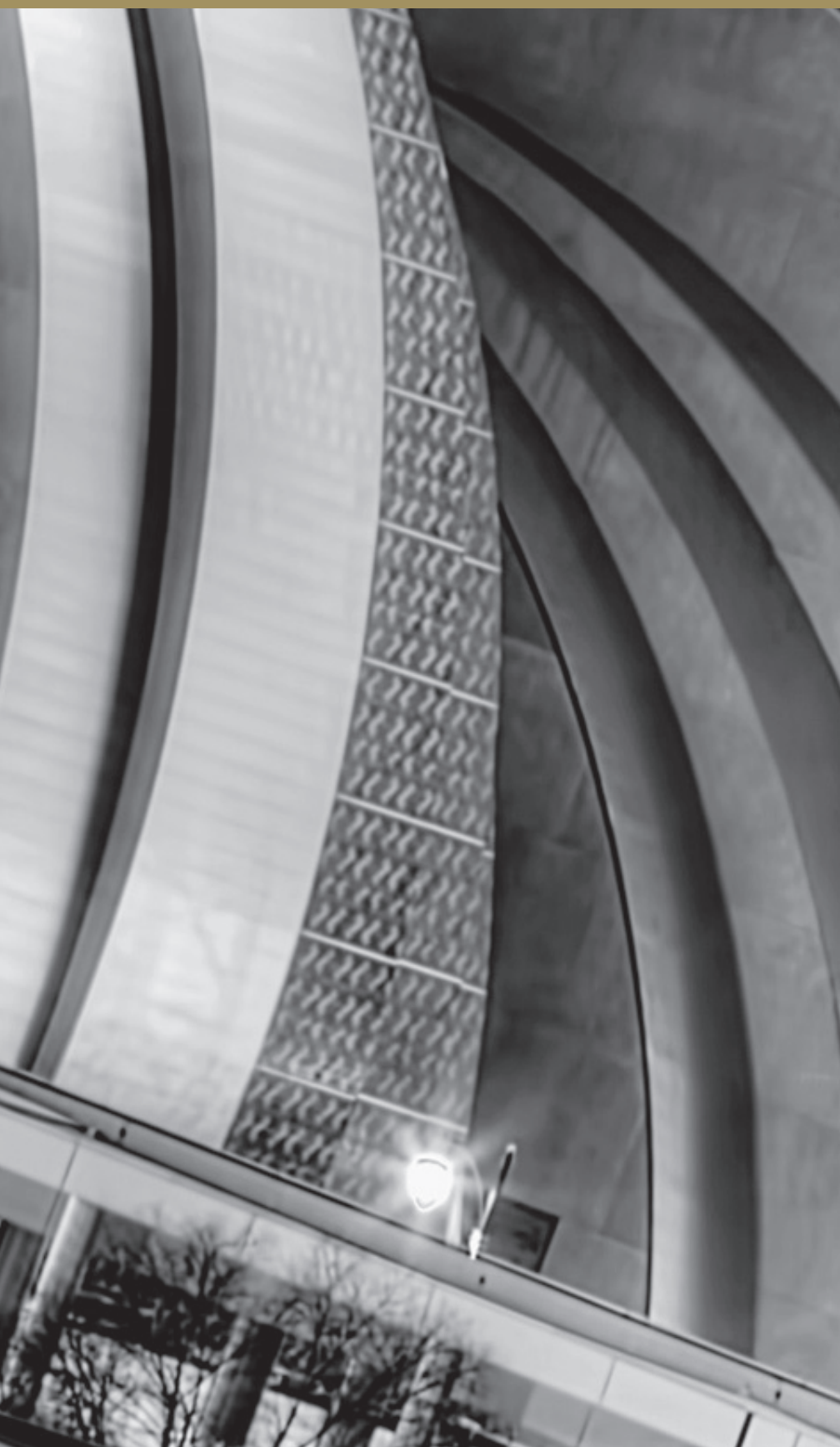
The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts opens in downtown Kansas City, Missouri on September 16th and 17th, 2011. The Kauffman Center will present a diverse range of artists and performances from around the world, including classical, pop, jazz, ballet, contemporary dance, musicals, comedy, and more. The Center will also be the performance home of three of the region's leading performing arts organizations — Kansas City Ballet, Kansas City Symphony, and Lyric Opera of Kansas City. The Kauffman Center's two venues, Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall, will offer audiences engaging and intimate performance experiences, while at the same time providing resident companies with dramatically enhanced artistic and technical capabilities.

Designed by architect Moshe Safdie, the 285,000 square foot Kauffman Center includes two new stand alone performance halls — Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall. These two halls, along with Brandmeyer Great Hall, are all housed within a dramatic overarching shell featuring a glass roof and glass walls that provides sweeping views of Kansas City.

The overall project totals \$413 million and includes \$326 million for the creation of the performing arts center, a \$40 million endowment, and a \$47 million, 1,000 car underground parking garage.

The Kauffman Center will bring a new
spotlight to the region's performing
arts community while simultaneously
attracting some of the world's most
talented artists and performers,
further establishing a major
cultural destination.

AN *Invitation*



After years of innovative design, planning and engineering, the dedicated efforts of thousands of people come to fruition as the **KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** takes its place among the great showplaces of the world. Internationally renowned architect Moshe Safdie's striking design of the Kauffman Center dominates Kansas City's skyline.

On September 16th and 17th, 2011, the doors will open to reveal the interior beauty and exquisite sounds of the two performance halls.

We are honoured to invite you to the Grand Openings of the **MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE** and **HELZBERG HALL.**

Johanna Kauffman

Jane Chu

CO-CHAIRMEN

*Be a part of this historic and memorable occasion
when Kansas City's cultural life is transformed.*



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

*Grand Opening Night in the **Muriel Kauffman Theatre***

“An Evening of Theatrical Wonders”

PLÁCIDO DOMINGO, making his historic first appearance in Kansas City, will be the featured special guest artist for the opening performance in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre on Friday evening, September 16th. Mr. Domingo is universally admired as one of the world's greatest tenors and a true renaissance man of music. His phenomenal voice and commanding theatrical presence will take full advantage of the great acoustics and intimate sightlines of the Muriel Kauffman Theatre. This gala Opening Night performance, “An Evening of Theatrical Wonders,” will also include appearances by Broadway stars and our Resident Companies – the Kansas City Ballet, the Lyric Opera and the Kansas City Symphony.

All guests for the Grand Opening Night will enjoy a Welcome Reception at the Center. Dinner and dancing in a beautifully illuminated Bartle Hall Ballroom will immediately follow the performance.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

*Grand Opening Night in **Helzberg Hall***

“An Evening of Acoustical Delights”

World-renowned violinist ITZHAK PERLMAN will fill Helzberg Hall with his unmistakable tone and virtuosity. The award-winning DIANA KRALL will inaugurate the Hall with her distinctive vocal style and stylistically original piano interpretations. Mr. Perlman and Ms. Krall will each join Maestro Michael Stern and the Kansas City Symphony as the orchestra makes the first public appearance in their new performance home. Other celebrated performing artists will also present an original musical tribute to Kansas City's rich cultural history.

Master acoustician YASUHISA TOYOTA'S sound design for Helzberg Hall is indescribable. Be the first to hear it for yourself.

All guests for the Grand Opening Night in Helzberg Hall will enjoy a Welcome Reception at the Center. After the concert, Platinum Level guests will enjoy a gala dinner on the stage of the Muriel Kauffman Theatre, now transformed into a spectacular dinner venue.

Through its dynamic range of performances and educational programming, the Kauffman Center will further advance the role of the arts as a catalyst for the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of Kansas City.

TICKET *Packages*



Platinum

MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE

PLATINUM PACKAGE - \$50,000 (*tax deductible: \$48,050*)

OPENING NIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

OPENING NIGHT COURTESIES

- 10 invitations to private pre-performance reception
- 10 tickets for Platinum seating to
An Evening of Theatrical Delights with special
guest performance by Plácido Domingo
- Platinum seating to post-performance gala dinner
for a table of 10
- Complimentary valet parking

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- Invitation for two to First Notes ~ First Steps event in
the Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall
- Invitation for two to attend Benefactor party at
The American Restaurant
- An exclusively designed Tiffany China Box
commemorating Grand Opening
- 5 copies of Collector's Edition Commemorative Donor
Book including signed lithograph by architect,
Moshe Safdie; theatre designer, Richard Pilbrow;
and acoustician, Yasuhisa Toyota
- Complimentary use of two private box suites in the
Muriel Kauffman Theatre with total seating capacity of
10 to a future single performance, subject to availability

RECOGNITION

- Platinum recognition in Commemorative Program Book
- Platinum recognition in Kauffman Center Grand
Opening print and online communications

*Platinum Combined Package: \$70,000 for both evenings
(tax deductible: \$66,100)*



Gold

MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE

GOLD PACKAGE - \$25,000 (*tax deductible: \$23,490*)

OPENING NIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

OPENING NIGHT COURTESIES

- 10 invitations to pre-performance reception in Brandmeyer Great Hall
- 10 tickets for Gold seating to An Evening of Theatrical Delights with special guest performance by Plácido Domingo
- Gold seating to post-performance gala dinner for a table of 10
- Complimentary valet parking

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- Invitation for two to attend Benefactor party at The American Restaurant
- 5 copies of Commemorative Donor Book
- 4 complimentary Premium House Seats to a future single event, subject to availability in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre or Helzberg Hall

RECOGNITION

- Gold recognition in Commemorative Program Book
- Gold recognition in Kauffman Center Grand Opening print and online communications



Silver

MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE

SILVER PACKAGE - \$10,000 (*tax deductible: \$8,650*)

OPENING NIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

OPENING NIGHT COURTESIES & BENEFITS

- 10 invitations to pre-performance reception in Brandmeyer Great Hall
- 10 tickets for Silver seating to An Evening of Theatrical Delights with special guest performance by Plácido Domingo
- Silver seating to post-performance gala dinner for a table of 10
- 5 copies of Commemorative Donor Book
- Complimentary parking

RECOGNITION

- Silver recognition in Commemorative Program Book
- Silver recognition in Kauffman Center Grand Opening print and online communications



Platinum

HELZBERG HALL

PLATINUM PACKAGE - \$30,000 (*tax deductible: \$28,050*)

OPENING NIGHT - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

OPENING NIGHT COURTESIES

- 10 invitations to private pre-performance reception
- 10 tickets for Platinum seating to
An Evening of Acoustical Wonder with special
guest performances by Itzhak Perlman and Diana Krall
- Platinum seating to post-performance gala dinner for a
table of 10 on the Muriel Kauffman Theatre stage
- Complimentary valet parking

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- Invitation for two to First Notes ~ First Steps event in
the Muriel Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall
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Bronze HELZBERG HALL

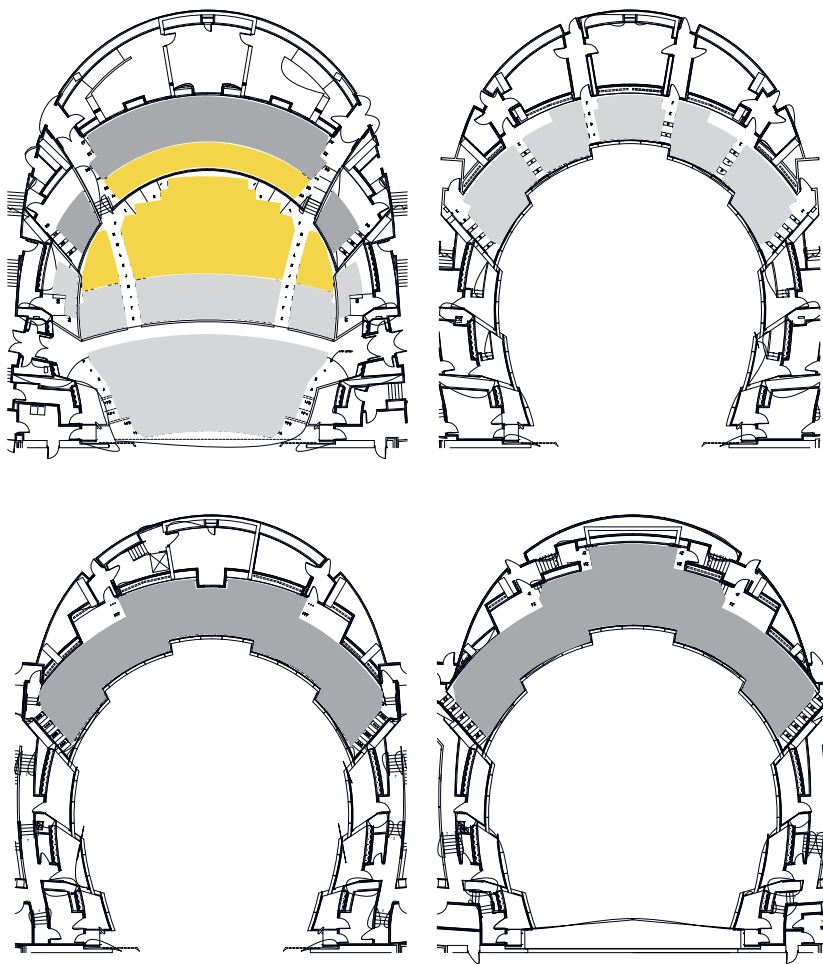
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS - \$500/TICKET (*tax deductible: \$445*)

OPENING NIGHT - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

BRONZE SECTION SEATING INCLUDES:

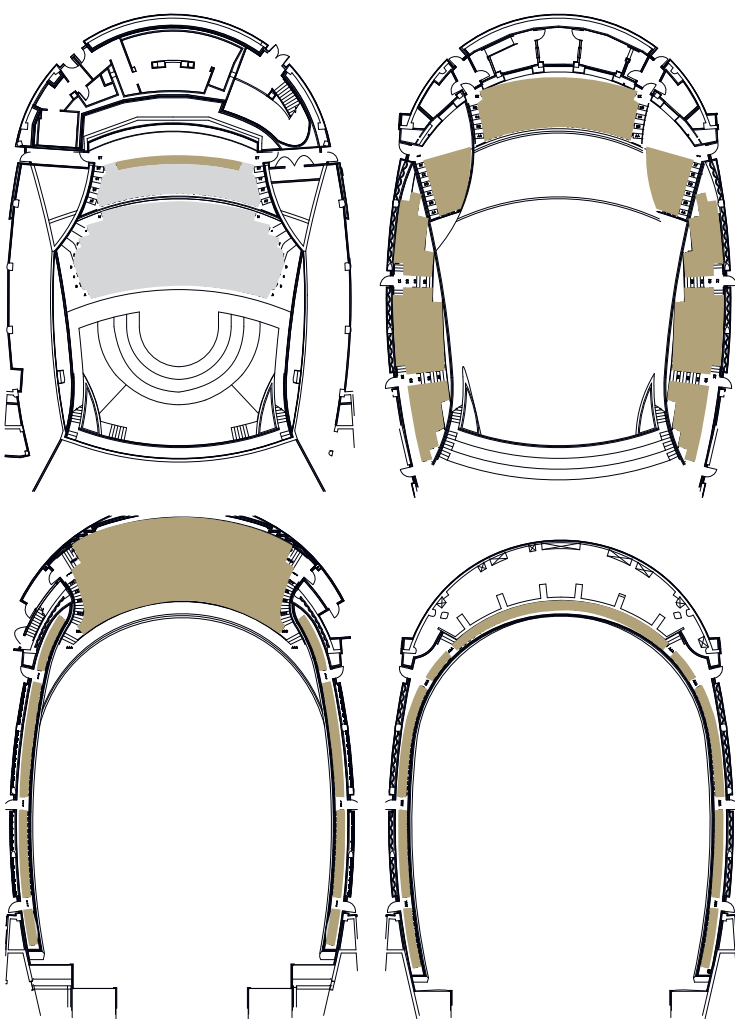
- Pre-performance reception in Brandmeyer Great Hall
 - A ticket in the Bronze seating area to
An Evening of Acoustical Wonder with special
guest performances by Itzhak Perlman and Diana Krall
 - Complimentary parking
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MURIEL KAUFFMAN THEATRE



Platinum Level Gold Level Silver Level

HELZBERG HALL



Platinum Level Bronze Level

