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# Kauffman Center Presents Announces Two New Additions to Fall 2023 Shows

Lineup Now Includes
Gregory Porter and Herb Alpert & Lani Hall
TICKETS ON SALE June 23, 2023

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to announce two new performances for the *Kauffman Center Presents* fall 2023 line-up. These events promise to deliver extraordinary and diverse experiences featuring internationally recognized artists and performers for Kansas City audiences. High-resolution photos with IDs can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

President and CEO Paul Schofer knows these upcoming performances showcase talented musicians. "Our newest additions to the fall 2023 line up are sure to please. Known for his warm baritone vocals, Gregory Porter is a unique singer of jazz, R&B, and American standards, transcending genres and resonating with diverse audiences.

Legendary trumpeter and Tijuana Brass founder, Herb Alpert and his wife Lani Hall have described this tour as 'happy music for happy people.' We're delighted to welcome all for these two dynamic performances."

# **Gregory Porter**

Sept. 10, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Muriel Kauffman Theatre

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: June 23, 2023

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Gregory Porter was raised in Bakersfield, California, and began singing in small jazz clubs in San Diego and later New York City, where his music career began to ascend with the release of his first two albums — *Water* (2010) and *Be Good* (2012). In 2013, he released his Blue Note debut *Liquid Spirit*, which quickly grew into a global phenomenon, selling more than a million albums and earning Porter his first GRAMMY Award with NPR declaring him "America's Next Great Jazz Singer." His 2016 follow-up *Take Me to the Alley* won Porter his second GRAMMY for Best Vocal Jazz Album and firmly established him as his generation's most soulful jazz singer-songwriter. In 2017, Porter released the heartfelt tribute album *Nat King Cole & Me*, and in 2020, returned to his original songwriting on the uplifting *All Rise*. Porter has hosted the podcast *The Hang*, as well as his own cooking show *The PorterHouse*.

# Herb Alpert & Lani Hall

Sept. 21, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Helzberg Hall

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: June 23, 2023

Here is your chance to see two legendary performers. Join music icon Herb Alpert and his wife, Lani Hall, GRAMMY Award—winning vocalist and former lead singer of Brasil '66 with Sérgio Mendes as they perform their classic recordings, "Más Que Nada," "Fool On The Hill," "Going Out Of My Head" and "Daytripper." Alpert is celebrating his 60th year since recording his first hit song, "The Lonely Bull" in 1962. Alpert, Hall and their incredible band present an eclectic mix of American standards, Brazilian jazz, some Beatles, some classic Tijuana Brass and Brasil '66 songs as well as many surprises. Their shows are informal as Alpert loves to answer questions from the audience about his and Hall's music careers, A&M Records and the many iconic artists they have both worked with over the past 50 years.

#### **TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets go on sale to the public June 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Ticket Office at 816.994.7222 or online at <a href="mailto:tickets.kauffmancenter.org">tickets.kauffmancenter.org</a>.

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Find information and maps for Kauffman Center parking and street closure updates at <u>kauffmancenter.org/parking</u>. 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 \$18 in advance or \$20 upon arrival.

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

The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts – a major not-for-profit center for music, opera, theater and dance designed by Moshe Safdie – opened in 2011. Serving as a cultural cornerstone for Kansas City and the region, the Kauffman Center delivers extraordinary and diverse performing arts experiences. Honored as one 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 <a href="kauffmancenter.org">kauffmancenter.org</a>.