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Kauffman Center Presents,
in partnership with Rainy Day Books,
welcomes award-winning best-selling author
Walter Isaacson

*In conversation with David Von Drehle
of The Washington Post as he introduces his new book, Elon Musk.
Each paid patron will receive an autographed copy of the book.*

Monday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.
TICKETS ON SALE Aug. 18, 2023

Kansas City, MO – Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is proud to host a Rainy Day Books Author Event with award-winning and best-selling author Walter Isaacson as he introduces his new book, *Elon Musk*, on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre. Isaacson will be in conversation with David Von Drehle of *The Washington Post*. Each paid patron will receive an autographed first edition copy of *Elon Musk* as they arrive.

The most highly anticipated biography of the fall, *Elon Musk* is the astonishingly intimate story of the most fascinating and controversial innovator of our era—a rule-breaking visionary who helped lead the world into the era of electric vehicles, private space exploration and artificial intelligence. Oh, and took over the platform formally known as Twitter. More information about the book can be found [here](#).

Walter Isaacson is the bestselling author of biographies of Jennifer Doudna, Leonardo da Vinci, Steve Jobs, Benjamin Franklin, and Albert Einstein. He is a professor of history at Tulane University and was CEO of the Aspen Institute, chair of CNN and editor of Time. He was awarded the National Humanities Medal in 2023. High-resolution photos with IDs can be found [here](#).

President and CEO Paul Schofer believes this and future author collaborations will bring a fresh type of art to the Kauffman Center. “We are thrilled to partner with Rainy Day Books for this author event. The upcoming book by Isaacson is highly anticipated, and we understand that he rarely provides autographed books which makes this a not to miss event!”

**KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS
RAINY DAY BOOKS AUTHOR EVENT
WALTER ISAACSON**

**Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, at 7 p.m.
Muriel Kauffman Theatre**

Single Ticket On-Sale Date: Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.

From the author of *Steve Jobs* and other bestselling biographies comes a behind-the-scenes look at this unique innovator. For two years, Isaacson shadowed Musk, attended his meetings, walked his factories with him, and spent hours interviewing him, his family, friends, coworkers and adversaries. The result is the revealing inside story, filled with amazing tales of triumphs and turmoil, that addresses the question: Are the demons that drive Musk also what it takes to drive innovation and progress?

ABOUT RAINY DAY BOOKS

Family-owned since 1975, Rainy Day Books is Kansas City's oldest independent bookseller. Rainy Day Books is a member of IndieBound, the national network of independent booksellers. For more information, please visit rainydaybooks.com.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets go on sale to the public Aug. 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. Ticket price includes an autographed copy of the book, *Elon Musk*. 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.

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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 kauffmancenter.org.