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## **DAVID FOSTER: HITMAN TOUR FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST KATHARINE MCPHEE ANNOUNCED IN THE 2019-2020 KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SERIES**

*An Intimate Evening with David Foster: Hitman Tour Featuring Special Guest Katharine McPhee coming to  
Muriel Kauffman Theatre on May 19*

Kansas City, MO – Today, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts announced AN additional performance in the 2019-2020 *Kauffman Center Presents* series. David Foster and Katharine McPhee will perform in Muriel Kauffman Theatre on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

GRAMMY Award-winning producer David Foster is embarking on an extensive North American tour beginning January of 2020 and ending at the Kauffman Center on May 19. The tour, *An Intimate Evening with David Foster: Hitman Tour*, is an extension of his highly successful and sold-out 2019 tour. Foster, who is one of the biggest musical forces of our time, created this jaw-dropping musical extravaganza that includes the greatest hits of his career. Thrilling, humorous and refreshingly honest, David Foster performs songs he wrote or produced from his four decades of hits and includes fascinating storytelling about the songs, artists, and moments of his life. Delivered by powerhouse performers, the hits include Celine Dion’s “Because You Loved Me,” Whitney Houston’s “The Bodyguard,” Earth Wind and Fire’s “After The Love Is Gone,” Chicago’s “You’re The Inspiration,” Josh Groban’s “You Raise Me Up,” Michael Bublé’s “Home,” Natalie Cole’s “Unforgettable,” and many more.

Joining the 16-time GRAMMY Award-winning writer/producer this time around will be singer/actress Katharine McPhee. Katharine joins David fresh off her Broadway and West End run of the hit Broadway musical *Waitress*. Katharine will join David for a number of his well-known songs including *The Prayer*.

Tickets range from \$39 to \$109, plus applicable fees, and go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Friday, September 20. Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Box Office at (816) 994-7222 or online at [www.kauffmancenter.org](http://www.kauffmancenter.org).

### **ABOUT DAVID FOSTER AND KATHARINE MCPHEE**

**David Foster** is a Canadian-born musician, songwriter, record producer, and composer who has led the industry by shepherding albums that have collectively sold in the hundreds of millions. He has created hit songs and award-winning gold and platinum albums for diverse artists including Barbra Streisand, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, and Madonna. He has escorted singers who have straddled both pop and classical styles like Andrea Bocelli and Josh Groban into the mainstream. Foster is also a celebrity judge on Asia’s biggest talent competition show, Asia’s Got Talent

and World Got Talent, which airs in China to 150 million viewers a night. For his legendary work, Foster has won 16 GRAMMY Awards, including three for Producer of the Year, an Emmy Award, a Golden Globe, and was a three-time nominee for Best Original Song.

Apart from returning to the road, Foster is preparing for the release of his feature documentary on his life and career – *David Foster: Off the Record*. The film premiered in Toronto on September 9 as part of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). Later this year, Foster’s new PBS special, *An Intimate Evening with David Foster*, will air nationwide as part of Great Performances on PBS. Foster is also gearing up to take on the Broadway stage with several projects including a new musical about the classic, animated character Betty Boop, along with writing the music for a musical based on the Amy Bloom novel and New York Times bestseller *Lucky Us*.

Foster is also known for his philanthropic efforts, creating The David Foster Foundation in 1986 and volunteering his time and talent to more than 400 charities. The David Foster Foundation’s mission is to provide financial support to Canadian families with children in need of life-saving organ transplants, along with a new focus on organ donor awareness.

**Katharine McPhee** is the singer audiences first fell in love with during a storied run on season five of *American Idol* in 2006. She is known for her powerhouse presence and show-stopping performances, possessing a voice for the ages. Propelled by the smash hit “Over It,” her 2007 self-titled debut album bowed at #2 on the Billboard Top 200 and achieved an RIAA gold certification. McPhee struck again in 2010 with not one, but two records – *Unbroken* and *Christmas is the Time To Say I Love You*.

McPhee quickly became a force on the big and small screens, co-starring alongside Debra Messing on *Smash* from executive producer Steven Spielberg, as well as guest appearances on *CSI: New York*, *Community*, *Family Guy*, and more. A sought-after performer, she has taken the stage for PBS specials, including her own called *Soundstage: Katharine McPhee*, and *Foster and Friends*.

In 2017, McPhee reimagined, recharged, and reinvigorated a host of timeless jazz standards on her fifth full-length album, *I Fall In Love Too Easily*, produced by Don Was.

#### **KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SERIES SCHEDULE\***

The *Kauffman Center Presents* series features extraordinary and diverse artists from a variety of musical genres and performance styles. [Access to approved media photos of Kauffman Center Presents artists.](#)

#### **2019-2020 Kauffman Center Presents events:**

- Tuesday, October 1 – The Kingdom Choir – 7 p.m., Helzberg Hall
- Tuesday, October 1 – Jack Hanna’s *Into the Wild Live!* Presented by Nationwide – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Wednesday, October 2 – Boyz II Men – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Thursday, October 3 – A Tribute To The Beatles’ *White Album* (featuring Todd Rundgren, Christopher Cross, Micky Dolenz, Jason Scheff, and Joey Molland) – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Wednesday, October 9 – Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain & Edgar Meyer – 7 p.m., Helzberg Hall
- Thursday, October 10 – Mary Chapin Carpenter and Shawn Colvin – 7 p.m., Helzberg Hall

- Saturday, February 1 – Squirrel Nut Zippers and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, February 18 – *National Geographic Live: From Summit to Sea* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Wednesday, March 4 – Cameron Carpenter – 7 p.m., Helzberg Hall
- Tuesday, March 10 – *National Geographic Live: Pursuit of the Black Panther* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, March 24 – Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood: Neighborhood Day – 6:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, April 28 – *National Geographic Live: Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, May 19 – An Intimate Evening with David Foster: Hitman Tour Featuring Special Guest Katharine McPhee – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, May 26 – *National Geographic Live: Where the Wild Things Live* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10 – *National Geographic Live: JANE in Concert* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre

\*Events announced to date. Additional performances will be announced throughout the 2019-2020 season. Updates are available at [www.kauffmancenter.org/events-tickets/kauffman-center-presents/](http://www.kauffmancenter.org/events-tickets/kauffman-center-presents/).

#### **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](http://kauffmancenter.org).

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