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KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES TWO NEW CONCERTS

Herbie Hancock to perform August 12
YES Featuring Jon Anderson, Trevor Rabin, Rick Wakeman
to perform September 5

Kansas City, MO – Today, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts announced two new concerts in the 2017-2018 *Kauffman Center Presents* series.

Groundbreaking jazz artist **Herbie Hancock** will perform with his band in Muriel Kauffman Theatre on Saturday, August 12. Hancock has been at the forefront of jazz innovation for six decades, blending electric jazz with funk, rock, and dance sounds. The performance will feature Hancock on piano/keyboards, Vinnie Colauti on drums, James Genus on bass, Lionel Loueke on guitar, and Terrace Martin on keyboards/saxophone. Tickets for the event range from \$45 to \$150, and go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 21. The concert will be co-presented by Mammoth Productions.

YES featuring Jon Anderson, Trevor Rabin, and Rick Wakeman will perform in Muriel Kauffman Theatre on Tuesday, September 5. Recently inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the band charted progressive rock and pop-rock hits through the 1970s and '80s, with tracks including "Roundabout," "Owner of a Lonely Heart," and "Cinema." Tickets for the event range from \$59 to \$129, and go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 21.

Tickets will be available through the Kauffman Center Box Office at (816) 994-7222, via the Kauffman Center mobile app, or online at www.kauffmancenter.org.

ABOUT HERBIE HANCOCK

Now in the sixth decade of his professional life, Herbie Hancock remains where he has always been: at the forefront of world culture, technology, business, and music. In addition to being recognized as a legendary pianist and composer, Herbie Hancock has been an integral part of many popular music movements since the 1960s. Hancock received an Academy Award for his "Round Midnight" film score. He has received 14 GRAMMY Awards, including Album Of The Year for *River: The Joni Letters*. He currently serves as Creative Chair for Jazz for the Los Angeles Philharmonic and as Institute Chairman of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz. In 2011, Hancock was named a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador by UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova. He received a Kennedy Center Honors Award in 2013 and a GRAMMY Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2016. His memoirs, *Herbie Hancock: Possibilities*, have been published by Viking. On Saturday, August 12 at the Kauffman Center, fans will be treated to a taste of Hancock's highly-anticipated new album, along with music from throughout his celebrated career.

ABOUT YES FEATURING JON ANDERSON, TREVOR RABIN, RICK WAKEMAN

The progressive rock band YES was co-founded by Jon Anderson and the late Chris Squire in 1968, and went on to sell millions of records with releases such as *Fragile*, *Close to The Edge*, *Tales From Topographic Oceans*, *Going For The One*, and *90125*. YES was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on April 7, 2017. While Rick Wakeman is predominantly associated with the 1970s “prog era” of the band and Trevor Rabin is associated with the 1980s “pop era” of the band, Jon Anderson is the bridge between both factions, as he was a member of both eras. The touring band line-up is completed by Lee Pomeroy on bass and Louis Molino III on drums.

KAUFFMAN CENTER PRESENTS SERIES SCHEDULE

2016-2017 Kauffman Center Presents Events:

Remaining events in the 2016-2017 series schedule:

- Thursday, May 11 – Branford Marsalis with special guest Kurt Elling – 7:30 p.m., Helzberg Hall
- Wednesday, May 24 – *George Benson and Kenny G: The Breezin’ & Breathless Tour* – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Saturday, June 17 – Michael McDonald & Boz Scaggs – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre

2017-2018 Kauffman Center Presents Events:**

Events in the 2017-2018 series schedule:

- Tuesday, July 18 – *Blondie & Garbage: The Rage and Rapture Tour* – 7 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Wednesday, July 26 – Mary Chapin Carpenter with special guest Sarah Jarosz – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Saturday, August 12 – Herbie Hancock – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre; co-presented by Mammoth Productions
- Tuesday, September 5 – YES Featuring Jon Anderson, Trevor Rabin, Rick Wakeman – 7:30 p.m., Muriel Kauffman Theatre
- Saturday, November 11 – Vienna Boys Choir – 8 p.m., Helzberg Hall

**Events announced to date. Additional performances will be announced leading up to and throughout the 2017-2018 season. Updates are available at 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.

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