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### Lied Center of Kansas announces its 30th-anniversary season

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Lied Center of Kansas announced the 2023–24 season on Sunday, April 30, to the Friends of the Lied at the annual Season Announcement Party. The upcoming season marks the 30th anniversary of the Lied Center, and the new season lineup includes national Broadway tours, legendary musicians, trailblazing artists, hilarious performances, family shows and much more.

A few highlights of the upcoming season, which kicks off in September, include DCs Reflecting Fools (featuring former members of the Capitol Steps), Hiptet Ballerinas, Nikki Glaser, Buddy Guy, *Annie*, Ira Glass, *MEAN GIRLS*, Leo Kottke and Mandy Patinkin. Additionally, there are two more show announcements planned soon—a legendary rock group will be announced on May 8 and another Broadway show will be announced on June 26. The Lied Center has also continued the Folk, Chamber Music and *Just Friends* Jazz Series performances in the intimate setting of the Lied Center Pavilion.

In celebration of the 30th anniversary, the Lied Center has launched a new project, the Lied Legacy Seat Campaign, that invites individuals to make a permanent mark in the venue by naming an auditorium seat. Contributions to the Lied Legacy Seat Campaign supports a new endowed fund for local students' bus transportation to school-only performances every year, in perpetuity. More information about this initiative can be found at [lied.ku.edu/name-a-seat](https://lied.ku.edu/name-a-seat).

“Through the years, we have shared so many collective experiences with the community, from engaging performances and events to weathering a global pandemic. We’re so grateful to our Friends of the Lied and the entire community for supporting us through it all, enabling the Lied Center stage to thrive and celebrate this milestone year,” said Derek Kwan, executive director of the Lied Center.

Learn more about the lineup at [lied.ku.edu/season](https://lied.ku.edu/season). Tickets for the 2023–24 season are on sale now to Friends of the Lied and KU students, by phone and at the Ticket Office, and all individual show tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, June 5, by phone, at the Ticket Office and [lied.ku.edu](https://lied.ku.edu). Those interested in becoming a Friend of the Lied for advance ticket sales can visit [lied.ku.edu/donate](https://lied.ku.edu/donate) or call 785-864-2787 to learn more.

[See the entire season online >](#)

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**2023–24 Press Images:**

Press images for the upcoming season are available on our press site.

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**About the Lied Center of Kansas:**

The Lied Center of Kansas serves the University of Kansas and the greater community by functioning as a catalyst for the arts, creativity, engagement and community building. Since opening its doors in 1993, the Lied Center has presented diverse, world-class performing arts each season, engaged our community with experiential learning through the performing arts, and served as a communal gathering space for shared experiences and connection. Learn more about the Lied Center at [lied.ku.edu](http://lied.ku.edu).

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**2023–24 Season Listing:****DC's Reflecting Fools**

Featuring former members of the Capitol Steps

- Saturday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25–\$40 Adult • \$14–\$21 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Dole Institute of Politics

**Dmytro Choni**

Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Bronze Medalist

- Sunday, September 17, 2:00 p.m.
- \$25–\$40 Adult • \$14–\$21 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Dave & Gunda Hiebert
- Concert Series

**KU Symphony Orchestra with special guest Blake Pouliot, violin**

- Tuesday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25 Adult • \$14 Student/Youth
- Event partner: KU School of Music
- Jayhawk Live Series

### **Hiplet Ballerinas**

A trailblazing fusion of hip-hop and ballet

- Thursday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.
- \$20–\$35 Adult • \$11–\$19 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Truity Credit Union

### **TBA concert – legendary rock group**

Announcement on Monday, May 8

- Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.
- \$40–\$60 Adult • \$21–\$31 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Cherry Hill Properties

### **Richard Johnson, piano**

- Monday & Tuesday, October 9 & 10, 7:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$35 Adult • \$19 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Edmonds Duncan and Steve & Chris Edmonds
- *Just Friends Jazz Series*

### **Chris Smither**

Profound singer-songwriter and blues/folk guitarist

- Sunday, October 15, 7:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$30 Adult • \$16 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Landmark National Bank
- Folk Series

### **Nikki Glaser: *The Good Girl Tour***

- Performance contains mature content and explicit language.
- Sunday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.
- \$35–\$50 Adult • \$19–\$26 Student/Youth

### **Terence Blanchard: *Film Scores Live!***

7x Grammy winner and 2x Oscar nominee performs his movie music live

- Thursday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.
- \$30–\$45 Adult • \$16–\$24 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Black Hills Energy

### **TBA Broadway show**

Announcement on Monday, June 26

- Saturday, November 4, 7:30 p.m.
- \$40–\$60 Adult • \$21–\$31 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Lawrence Presbyterian Manor
- Broadway Series

**Buddy Guy: *Damn Right Farewell***

with special guest Ally Venable

- Monday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.
- \$40–\$60 Adult • \$21–\$31 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Midco

**Vienna Boys Choir**

- Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25–\$40 Adult • \$14–\$21 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Jeff & Mary Weinberg
- Concert Series

**Kuok-Wai Lio, piano**

- Sunday, November 19, 2:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$30 Adult • \$16 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Dave & Gunda Hiebert
- Chamber Series

***Annie***

One of the best-loved musicals of all time

- Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.
- \$40–\$60 Adult • \$21–\$31 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by McDonald's
- Broadway

**Kit Yan, slam poet**

- Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$25 Adult • \$14 Student/Youth

**Pasquale Grasso, guitar**

- Monday & Tuesday, December 4 & 5, 7:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$35 Adult • \$19 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Edmonds Duncan and Steve & Chris Edmonds
- *Just Friends* Jazz Series

***A Christmas Carol***

A fresh production of the beloved holiday classic

- Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.
- \$25–\$40 Adult • \$14–\$21 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Hy-Vee
- Family Series

**Ira Glass**

Creator and host of public radio's *This American Life*

- Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.
- \$35–\$50 Adult • \$19–\$26 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Kansas Public Radio

**MEAN GIRLS**

Tina Fey's hilarious hit musical

- Wednesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.
- \$40–\$60 Adult • \$21–\$31 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by SSC CPAs + Advisors
- Broadway Series

**Prairie Winds Festival with The Westerlies**

Featuring multiple wind ensembles

- Saturday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25 Adult • \$14 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Cherry Hill Properties
- Event partner: KU School of Music
- Jayhawk Live Series

**Voices of Service**

Inspirational vocal quartet of veteran service members

- Friday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.
- \$20–\$35 Adult • \$11–\$19 Student/Youth

**Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra**

Bulgaria's internationally acclaimed and illustrious orchestra

- Monday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.
- \$35–\$50 Adult • \$19–\$26 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Bud & Sheryl Jacobs
- Concert Series

**Leo Kottke, guitar**

Acoustic guitar legend

- Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25–\$40 Adult • \$14–\$21 Student/Youth

**Domingo Pagliuca, trombone & Paulina Leisring, piano**

- Sunday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$30 Adult • \$16 Student/Youth
- Chamber Series

**Shane Hennessy**

Irish virtuoso guitarist, songwriter and composer

- Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$30 Adult • \$16 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Landmark National Bank
- Folk Series

**Lawrence Brownlee, tenor**

One of the world's leading voices in opera

- Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25–\$40 Adult • \$14–\$21 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Jeff & Mary Weinberg
- Concert Series

**Juilliard String Quartet**

The quintessential American string quartet

- Monday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25–\$40 Adult • \$14–\$21 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Dave & Gunda Hiebert
- Concert Series

**KU Jazz Ensemble I with special guest Camila Meza, guitar/vocals**

Directed by Dan Gailey

- Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
- \$25 Adult • \$14 Student/Youth
- Event partner: KU School of Music
- Jayhawk Live Series

**Mandy Patinkin In Concert: *BEING ALIVE***

with Adam Ben-David on piano

- Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
- \$40–\$60 Adult • \$21–\$31 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Dr. Jim & Vickie Otten
- Broadway Series

***Tetris*—Created by Arch8**

Innovative and family-friendly dance work inspired by the video game

- Friday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.
- \$25 Adult • \$14 Student/Youth
- Family Series

***The Pa'akai We Bring*—Honolulu Theatre for Youth**

A multi-generational play exploring the Native Hawaiian relationship to pa'akai (salt)

- Friday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.
- \$25 Adult • \$14 Student/Youth
- Family Series

**Ivan Renta Duo**

- Monday & Tuesday, April 15 & 16, 7:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$35 Adult • \$19 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Edmonds Duncan and Steve & Chris Edmonds
- *Just Friends* Jazz Series

**Janice Carissa, piano**

- Sunday, April 21, 2:00 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$30 Adult • \$16 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Dave & Gunda Hiebert
- Chamber Series

**THE BROTHER BROTHERS**

Indie folk duo

- Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- \$30 Adult • \$16 Student/Youth
- Sponsored by Landmark National Bank
- Folk Series

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