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**Kansas City Attractions and Members Offer Fall Events and Experiences
for Residents and Visitors**

(Kansas City, Missouri) – When the air is crisp and the weather begins to cool, both locals and visitors appreciate the variety of activities and events that Kansas City’s many attractions have to offer.

Several members of the Greater Kansas City Attractions Association (GKCAA), a not-for-profit organization that provides benefits and services to 75 attraction and tourism-related businesses in both Kansas and Missouri, are opening special exhibits, scheduling seasonal events, celebrations and performances for visitors and locals during the fall and holiday seasons.

“Visitors should experience what the our local residents already know; that fall is a great time to visit the Kansas City area,” said Angie Jefferies, director of communications for Jackson County who serves and president of the association’s volunteer-led board of directors.

“Our attractions offer a variety of opportunities that visitors and locals alike will enjoy during this special time of year.”

Throughout September – November

The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures

Information: toyandminiaturemuseum.org/current



The Doll Gallery (Through February 02, 2022)

Thirty-five new dolls are on exhibit, including a Queen Anne-style doll (1750-1800); Baby Moss, a 10" baby doll (c. 1895) by African American artist Leo Moss and more.

A Space of Our Own: Dollhouses of the 20th Century (Through January 06, 2020)

Over the last 200 years, dollhouses have evolved alongside the children who played with them. In a world designed for adults, the dollhouse has provided kids with a space of their own to dream and imagine.

Parlor Performance: Theatrical Toys for Home Play (Oct. 19, 2019 —August 16, 2020) Learn about theatrical toys in a fun, interactive experience for visitors of all ages. Visitors will learn how these toys historically encouraged performance play in the home and learn about the ways that toys interconnect with social and cultural developments.

National World War I Museum & Memorial

The Vietnam War: 1945-1975 (Nov. 8, 2019 - May 31, 2020)

More than 40 years after its conclusion, the Vietnam War remains one of the most controversial events of the 20th century. How did the conflict begin? Why did it begin? What are the connections between the war and its confounding cousin, World War I? From perspectives covering both the home front and the war front, The Vietnam War: 1945-1975 explores themes of patriotism, duty and citizenship through a remarkable collection of objects, documents, photographs and more in this special exhibit. Information: theworldwar.org

Starlight Theatre

ZZ Top (September 1) Tickets: kcstarlight.com

Kacey Musgraves (September 4) Tickets: kcstarlight.com

Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy (September 6-8): Tickets: kcstarlight.com

Gretta Van Fleet (September 21) Tickets: kcstarlight.com

Hello, Dolly! (September 25-29) Tickets: kcstarlight.com

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

Los Tucanes de Tijuana (September 6 in the Muriel Kauffman Theater)

Tickets: kauffmancenter.org

The Kingdom Choir (October 1 in Helzberg Hall) Tickets: kauffmancenter.org

Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live! Presented by Nationwide (October 1 in the Muriel Kauffman Theater) Tickets: kauffmancenter.org



Boys II Men (October 2 in the Muriel Kauffman Theater) Tickets: kauffmancenter.org

It Was 50 Years Ago Today – A Tribute to The Beatles White Album (October 3 in the Muriel Kauffman Theater) Tickets: kauffmancenter.org

Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain & Edgar Meyer with special guest Rakesh Chaurasia (October 9 in Helzberg Hall) Tickets: kauffmancenter.org

Mary Chapin Carpenter and Shawn Colvin (October 10 in Helzberg Hall)

Tickets: kauffmancenter.org

Indigo Girls (November 19 in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre) Tickets: kauffmancenter.org

Johnson County Museum

Expanding OZ (now through November 2, 2019)

The Wizard of Oz started with a book, but has inspired U.S. and international popular culture! Explore a collection full of favorites and surprises. Located in the Museum, included in general admission.

Latinos in the Heartland (September 3-November 2, 2019)

From westward trails to the railroads to recent immigrants, learn about the Kansas City region's deep Latino heritage. Digital interactive exhibit in English and Spanish.

Kansas City Royals

Theme Nights

September 3 - [Bark at the Park](#)

September 4 - [Pride Night](#)

September 13 - [Girls Night Out](#)

September 14 [Teacher Appreciation Night](#)

September 15 - [Star Wars Day](#)

September 25 - [Love Your Melon Day](#)

Carolyn's Country Cousins



Known as Kansas City's premier pumpkin patch and educational farm, this outdoor attraction includes a Barnyard Ball Toss, Spider slide, Jumping pillow, Truck slide, indoor restrooms, and pumpkin cannon (The Pumpkinator). For information about the weekends below, visit carolynscountrycousins.com/attractions.

Sampling Weekend (September 21 – 22, 2019 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.)

Festivities include a sampling of fudge, kettle korn, and our famous pumpkin donuts! Enjoy farm activities including pick-your-own pumpkin patch, petting farm, hayrides, pig races, and more!

The Farm Scavenger Hunt Weekend (September 28 - 29 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Kids will search all over the farm for specific clues for a chance to win prizes! Live music bands will play throughout the day. Check the website for information.

Grandparents Weekend (October 5 - 6 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Grandparents who bring their grandchildren to the farm receive \$4 off their admission! Live music and DJ throughout the weekend.

Pirates & Princesses Weekend (October 12 - 13 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Come dressed as your favorite Buccaneer or Princess and receive an extra carousel ride! Live music throughout the weekend.

Superhero Weekend (October 19 - 20 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Come dressed as your favorite superhero and meet Superman and Wonder Woman on both days! Costume contest at 12:15 p.m. (for ages 12 and under) on both Saturday and Sunday. Live music throughout the weekend.

Halloween Weekend (October 26 - 27 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Dress in your best costume and come have a faBOOlous time! Participate in the costume contest at 12:15 p.m. (for ages 12 and under) on both Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy live music, pick-your-own pumpkin, watch pig races, pet farm animals, eat pumpkin doughnuts, and much more!

Kansas City Zoo

Hoots & Howls (October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Hoots and Howls is packed with fun for all ages! Cruise around on a pedal tractor, navigate a hay bale maze, sing along with our interactive DJ and take a ride on the Scare-o-cel. Enjoy a hayride around the Zoo and create a wild craft in the lobby. Information: kansascityzoo.org

Worlds of Fun

Halloween Haunt (Friday and Saturday nights September 14 – October 26)

Experience the thrills of your favorites rides and chills of 13 extreme haunts as you navigate the fog-filled midways where over 400 monsters lurk to feed off your dreams. All you fear is waiting for you at the Midwest's largest Halloween event. Tickets: worldsoffun.com/haunt

The Great Pumpkin Fest (Saturdays and Sundays September 14 – October 28)

This family-friendly event is all treats and no tricks featuring a special PEANUTS™- themed Halloween-themed activities for kids, including trick-or-treat, hale bale maze, a costume contest and petting zoo. Plus Planet Snoopy, a specially designed kids area with over 21 kids rides.

Tickets: worldsoffun.com/greatpumpkinfest

September Events

Kansas City Repertory Theatre

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams (Sept. 6 - 29 at Spencer Theatre)

Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece packs all the power today as when it premiered in 1955. The story of "Maggie the Cat," her tormented husband Brick, and their night at patriarch Big Daddy's birthday party remains a powerful study of character, conflict, and suspense. Tickets: kcrep.org

National World War I Museum & Memorial

Hobbit Day Board Game Marathon (September 22 | Noon -5 p.m.)

Celebrate International Hobbit Day with the Tolkien Society of Kansas City as they host a board game marathon, featuring Middle-earth and World War I-themed games such as The Grizzled, Risk: The Lord of the Rings Trilogy Edition and more! Drop-in any time from Noon to 5 p.m. and feel encouraged to BYOG (bring your own game) to test your skills on the birthday of the J. R. R. Tolkien's beloved characters, Bilbo and Frodo Baggins. Information: theworldwar.org/

Johnson County Museum



History on Tap - They Changed My Name/Cambiaron Mi Nombre (September 26 6 p.m.)

Teacher and artist José Faus brings together the dynamics of immigration and a personal journey, told through visual art and poetry. Drinks and snacks provided. Humanities Kansas partnership. Ages 21+. Call 913-831-3359 to register.

An Evening of Latino Art, Music & Poetry (September 26 5:30 p.m.)

Immerse yourself in a cultural evening with featured artists Miguel Rivera, Calpulli Iskali and Xánath Caraza along with inspired tastings in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. All ages.

National WWI Museum and Memorial

Bricks and Mavericks (September 28 | 11 a.m.)

LEGO Master Builder Joe Nunnink takes flight at the National WWI Museum and Memorial with a series of interactive demonstrations on building WWI-era airplanes. Learn from the best and then



create your own plane! Family-friendly demonstrations begin at 11 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Presented in partnership with LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Kansas City. The event is free to the public. Information: theworldwar.org

Midwest Genealogy Center

Veterans Salute (September 28 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Join Mid-Continent Public Library’s annual tribute to the service and sacrifice of our community’s veterans featuring guest speaker Vincent Morales from the Veterans Community Project and a ribbon-cutting for the new Midwest Genealogy Center Community Hall. Enjoy displays of military artifacts and vehicles, fun family activities, and a pinning ceremony for all attending veterans, plus a free tailgate lunch while supplies last. Information: mymcpl.org/VeteransSalute.

October Events

Jackson County Parks and Recreation

44th Annual Festival of Arts, Crafts & Music at Missouri Town 1855 (October 5 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and October 5 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Discover why this popular annual fall event has been a family tradition for thousands over 40 years. Skilled interpreters, crafters and artisans will bring this antebellum living history site to life with period music, dance, games, crafts, a fun-filled hay wagon ride, and delicious foods. Please, no pets. \$10 per car. Learn more: makeyourdayhere.com

Johnson County Museum

Lunch and Learn - Nuestra Herencia Americana: Hispanic-American Roots in Northeast Kansas (October 8 11:30 a.m.)

Did you know the peso was the first currency in the KC area? Daniel Serda presents the region’s history of Hispanic Culture to mark Hispanic Heritage Month. Bring a lunch. \$5, includes museum admission. Museum members receive a 20% discount - call (913) 831-3359 to register. Ages 21+.

Kansas City Ballet



Camina Burana (October 11-20 Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts)

A hugely popular and insatiably indulgent celebration of life and love. Carl Orff's Carmina Burana is a pulsating choral work that provides an incredible landscape for choreographed spectacle. Most have experienced it as a choral presentation, but few have seen it as it was originally imagined. Tickets:

kcballet.org

HyVee Arena



HyVee Arena Alive 5k Race (October 12)

Join us at Hy-Vee Arena, the nation's first multi-level sports complex, for the Inaugural Arena Alive 5k! Kick off the fall as you run, walk, hop, or skip 3.1 miles through the Historic West Bottoms OR Stockyards district, finishing INSIDE of Hy-Vee Arena! Free t-shirt, medal, and all day pass to the Arena. Register now at hyveearena.com

Kansas City Repertory Theatre

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When The Rainbow Is Enuf

(Oct. 18 - Nov. 10 at Copaken Stage)

At a time when there were few stories about women of color, poet-activist-novelist-playwright Shange penned a now-seminal and treasured work of American Theatre. Seven African American women, each identified solely by a color, traverse class, gender, sexuality, and geography in this highly personal 'choreo-poem.' Tickets: kcrep.org

Breakout KC

Breakout & Seek (Sunday October 20)

Kansas City's puzzle-filled scavenger hunt is back Sunday, October 20! Join Kansas City's top-rated escape room, Breakout KC, on a new adventure near our Park Place location with prizes and bragging rights on the line. Round up your team of up to six people and get ready to race against the clock and other teams. Breakout & Seek teams will find themselves immersed in a farmer's market throughout Park Place. Information: breakoutkc.com/breakout-seek

Kansas City Zoo

Brew at the Zoo & Wine Too (October 19 7 – 11 p.m.)

Enjoy an evening of live music and sampling from a variety of local breweries and wineries. We will also have food trucks on site to tame the roar in your belly! Music, beer & wine samples and two full-size drink tickets are included with your ticket. Adults 21+. Tickets: kansascityzoo.org

Boo at the Zoo (October 26 & 27)



The Zoo will have treats to go along with our tricks. Children will trick-or-treat the Zoo while enjoying Halloween themed activities and entertainment. Visit trick or treat stations with the zoiest gooiest treats in town. Put on your favorite costume and join the Zoo animals for a trumpeting great day of not-so-spooky activities. Our animals will also be smashing pumpkins at scheduled times throughout the day! Information: kansascityzoo.org

November Events

Starlight Theatre



Spamilton: An American Parody (November 5-17; indoors)
Don't miss this "convulsively funny" (*New York Times*) parody from the comic mastermind behind the long-running hit *Forbidden Broadway*. After tearing it up in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, Spamilton: An American Parody will stage a singing, dancing, comedy revolution in Kansas City for a limited time only. Tickets: kcstarlight.com

National World War I Museum & Memorial

Veterans Day Weekend (Friday, Nov. 8 - Monday, Nov. 11)

As the commemoration of the centennial of World War I (2014-19) continues, the National WWI Museum and Memorial will honor veterans and active-duty military members with free admission during Veterans Day Weekend and half-price general admission for the public. A slate of events and activities are planned, including a free, public ceremony on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Information: theworldwar.org

About the Greater Kansas City Attractions Association

The GKCAA is a not-for-profit member organization dedicated to enhancing the success of member attractions through the strategic initiatives of collective marketing, membership services, networking and educational programs, advocacy as a collective voice, and providing opportunities to connect with local businesses interested in supporting the Greater Kansas City area's tourism industry. For a complete list of members and to learn more, visit attractionskc.org or facebook.com/AttractionsKC.

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