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Starlight Announces Performances for Young Audiences Series



All performances are held inside the climate-controlled Cohen Community Stage House.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight Theatre is excited to announce its Performances for Young Audiences Series, featuring international, award-winning theater companies to inspire and engage elementary aged youth. All tickets are \$15 and on sale now. Tickets are available online at kcstarlight.com, by calling (816) 363-7827, or by visiting the ticket office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City, Mo., 64132. The Performances for Young Audiences Series is brought to you by Children's Mercy Kansas City.

Developed for young people ages 4-10 and designed for children and adults to enjoy together, this brand-new series provides young audiences the inspirational and developmental benefits of live theatre to community students and families. School matinee performances and weekend family shows ensure young people and their families have opportunities to experience the magic of Starlight.

"We're proud to present these fantastic titles that take well-known stories and reimagine them for the stage," Alex Jones, V.P. of Community Engagement at Starlight, said. "Introducing as many young people as possible to the power of live theatre is an integral part of Starlight's mission and vision, and these highly entertaining performances create opportunities for creativity, emotional development, and shared memory-making."

In chronological order, the Performances for Young Audiences Series at Starlight features:

Journey to Oz
November 9, 2024

In this fantastic new adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz," we are invited to go to Oz with Dorothy as

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audience members become a part of an experiential production, singing and dancing, and acting alongside professional actors. When the cyclone comes, the entire theater enters the eye of the storm with whisking lights and exciting music.

The Gruffalo's Child

March 1, 2025

Follow the Gruffalo's Child on her adventurous mission in this enchanting adaptation of the much-loved picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. One wild and windy night the Gruffalo's Child ignores her father's warnings about the Big Bad Mouse and tiptoes out into the deep dark wood. She follows snowy tracks and encounters mysterious creatures – but the Big Bad Mouse doesn't really exist... does he? Let your imagination run wild with songs, laughs and scary fun.

Underneath a Magical Moon

April 2, 2025

Through her open window Wendy Darling gazes out at the night sky dreaming of blue lagoons, magical moons, and the stories that she can tell, but tonight, there is magic in the air... Come with us as we invite you to fly into a fantastical world of adventure, where time stands still, the impossible seems possible, and if you close your eyes and believe, then you really can make anything happen. This sparkling production features exquisite music, enthralling movement, and a sprinkle of magic.

How to Purchase Tickets:

Tickets for each show are on sale now and available online at kcstarlight.com, by calling (816) 363-7827, or by visiting the ticket office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City Mo., 64132. For more information, please visit kcstarlight.com.

Discount prices for groups of 10 or more are available by contacting Starlight's group sales department at 816-997-1137 or groups@kcstarlight.com. Please note that kcstarlight.com is the only official ticket source for all shows in the Performances for Young Audiences Series. If you purchase tickets from another website or ticket broker, we cannot guarantee those tickets are legitimate.

About Starlight:

Opened as a theatre in 1950 and a nonprofit organization in 1951, Starlight is the largest and oldest performing arts organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and connects our community through live arts experiences that entertain, inspire, and engage audiences of all ages. Offering diverse programming year-round, Starlight presents Broadway musicals, concert events, and extensive community engagement programming, including classes, scholarships, and one of the largest high school musical theatre award programs in the nation. Located on 16 acres in Swope Park, the historic, city-owned venue is the second-largest outdoor producing theatre in the country with almost 8,000 seats.

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