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# Starlight Announces its **2025 AdventHealth Broadway Series**



Kansas City audiences can expect another inspiring summer of Broadway under the stars.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight Theatre celebrates a milestone anniversary of 75 years in 2025, and the historic theatre is excited to announce its 2025 AdventHealth Broadway Series with a lineup of fantastic new shows under the stars. Season tickets 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.

Create your community at Starlight. Join us for *Mean Girls*, the twelve-time Tony Award nominated musical that gives a peek into ups and downs of high school friendships. "You're in the band" with Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *School of Rock*, based on the hilarious hit movie. Disney's *Frozen* makes its Kansas City premiere and shares a powerful tale of sisterhood, acceptance, and love. Dance to the story of brotherhood, set to the beat of The Temptations' treasured hits in *Ain't Too Proud*. Then, see an epic tale of adventure based on the novel by Yann Martel—*Life of Pi*—another production making its Kansas City premiere at Starlight.

"As Starlight celebrates 75 years in Kansas City this year, I couldn't be more proud of both our rich history of creating community each summer and the progress we've made to welcome new audiences to share in live arts experiences and the Starlight tradition," Lindsey Rood-Clifford, President + C.E.O. of Starlight, said. "What better way to celebrate this milestone than with shows that reflect the best of what community is—friendship, family, joy, and connection—and what better place than Starlight—Kansas City's most unique and historic outdoor theater."

Season ticket holders may renew their five-show season now. New season ticket holders may

also secure their tickets for the 2025 season now and will be seated after renewals are complete. Individual tickets will go on sale at a later date. Season ticket holders get the best price on tickets, plus exclusive benefits like free premium parking, a "weatherproof" season, dining discounts, and much more.

Season ticket holders may add to their experience by purchasing a dining package in the Applause Club on-site at Starlight. Enjoy a multi-course meal served buffet style just steps from your seats. For more information on dining options visit www.kcstarlight.com.

# In chronological order, the 2025 AdventHealth Broadway Series at Starlight is as follows:

### Mean Girls

# May 20 - 25, 2025

Direct from Broadway, *Mean Girls* is the hilarious hit musical from book writer Tina Fey ("30 Rock"), composer Jeff Richmond ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"), lyricist Nell Benjamin (*Legally Blonde*) and original director and choreographer Casey Nicholaw (*The Book of Mormon*). The story of a naïve newbie who falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies, *Mean Girls* "delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery." *USA Today* says, "We'll let you in on a little secret, because we're such good friends: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!"

# School of Rock

# June 3 - 8, 2025

Rock got no reason, rock got no rhyme... You better get me to school on time! Based on the hit movie, Andrew Lloyd Webber's *School of Rock – The Musical* follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight—A pupils into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. But can he get them to the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress finding out? With its sensational live kids' rock band, *School of Rock* is a loving testimony to the transforming power of music.

# *Ain't Too Proud*July 22 - 27, 2025

Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations is the electrifying smash-hit Broadway musical that follows The Temptations' extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Nominated for 12 Tony® Awards and the winner of the 2019 Tony Award for Best Choreography, it's a thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal during a decade of civil unrest in America. Set to the beat of the group's treasured hits, including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Get Ready," and "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," Ain't Too Proud tells the unforgettable story of the legendary quintet that Billboard Magazine named the greatest R&B group of all time.

# Disney's Frozen

# August 5 - 10, 2025

For the first time in forever, experience the musical phenomenon that has taken the world by storm! Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature film, Disney's *Frozen* includes all the film's beloved songs by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, along with new music written exclusively for the stage.

In the beautiful mountainous kingdom of Arendelle, Princesses Anna and Elsa grow up sheltered

inside their castle, isolated from the world and increasingly distant from each other. When Elsa is crowned queen, the magical powers she's desperately tried to conceal from her sister take control, and she flees into the mountains. As a ferocious winter descends on Arendelle, Anna sets off on an epic journey to find Elsa and bring her home – with the help of hardworking ice harvester Kristoff, his loyal reindeer Sven, and a happy-go-lucky snowman named Olaf.

Full of magic, humor, and a stunning musical score, *Frozen* is a powerful tale of sisterhood, acceptance, and finding the real meaning of true love.

### Life of Pi

### September 16 - 21, 2025

A THEATRICAL EVENT UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE! Winner of three Tony Awards® and the Olivier Award for Best Play, the Broadway and West End sensation *Life of Pi* is "an exhilarating evening of theater" (*The Wall Street Journal*).

Based on Yann Martel's best-selling novel that sold more than 15 million copies and became a worldwide phenomenon, *Life of Pi* is an epic story of perseverance and hope that speaks to every generation and "gives new life to Broadway" (*The Today Show*). Told with jaw-dropping visuals, world class puppetry and exquisite stagecraft, Lolita Chakrabarti's stage adaptation of *Life of Pi* creates a breathtaking journey that leaves you filled with awe and joy.

### **How to Purchase Season Tickets:**

Season tickets 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. All Broadway performances begin at 8 p.m. For more information, including show content advisories, 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 2025 AdventHealth Broadway 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.

Follow Starlight on social media @kcstarlight and visit kcstarlight.com for more information.

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