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The Broadway Smash-Hit Musical Plays Starlight June 25-30!



Sarah Bockel returns to the role of Carole King—straight from Broadway!

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight Theatre is pleased to announce that the Tony & Grammy Award-winning Broadway hit ***Beautiful—The Carole King Musical***, will play under the stars **June 25-30** as part of the 2019 AdventHealth Broadway Series. **Sarah Bockel**, who portrays Carole King, returns to the tour after starring in the title role on Broadway in late spring.

Beautiful tells the inspiring true story of King’s remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way to superstardom, Carole King made more than beautiful music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation. ***Beautiful*** features a stunning array of beloved songs written by Gerry Goffin/Carole King and Barry Mann/Cynthia Weil, including “I Feel The Earth Move,” “One Fine Day,” “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman,” “You’ve Got A Friend” and the title song.

“Carole King might be a native New Yorker, but her story of struggle and triumph is as universal as they come – and her music is loved the world over,” producer **Paul Blake** said. “I am thrilled that ***Beautiful*** continues to delight and entertain audiences around the globe, in England, Japan and Australia and that we are entering our fourth amazing year of touring the U.S. We are so grateful that over five million audience members have been entertained by our celebration of Carole’s story and her timeless music.”

With a book by Tony® and Academy® Award-nominee **Douglas McGrath**, direction by **Marc**

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Bruni and choreography by **Josh Prince**, *Beautiful* features a stunning array of beloved songs written by **Gerry Goffin/Carole King** and **Barry Mann/Cynthia Weil**. The show opened on Broadway at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre (125 West 43 Street) in January 2014, where it has since broken all box office records and recently became the highest grossing production in the Theatre's history.

The Original Broadway Cast Recording of *Beautiful – The Carole King Musical* (Ghostlight Records) won the 2015 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album and is available on CD, digitally, and on vinyl. *Beautiful* launched its first US National Tour in September 2015, and is also currently playing internationally, with productions in Japan, Australia and touring the UK. An Award-winning production recently concluded its run in London's West End after opening on February 25, 2015.

The creative team of *Beautiful* also includes **Derek McLane** (Set Design), **Alejo Vietti** (Costume Design), **Peter Kaczorowski** (Lighting Design), **Brian Ronan** (Sound Design), **Charles G. LaPointe** (Wig and Hair Design), **Steve Sidwell** (Orchestrations and Music Arrangements), **Jason Howland** (Music Supervision) and **John Miller** (Music Coordination).

Beautiful - The Carole King Musical is produced on Broadway by **Paul Blake, Sony/ATV Music Publishing, Jeffrey A. Sine, Richard A. Smith, Mike Bosner, Harriet N. Leve/Elaine Krauss, Terry Schnuck, Orin Wolf, Patty Baker/Good Productions, Roger Faxon, Larry Magid, Kit Seidel, Lawrence S. Toppall, Fakston Productions/Mary Solomon, William Court Cohen, John Gore, BarLor Productions, Matthew C. Blank, Tim Hogue, Joel Hyatt, Marianne Mills, Michael J. Moritz, Jr., StylesFour Productions, Brunish/Trincherro, and Jeremiah J. Harris.**

Beautiful – The Carole King Musical is presented by AARP Kansas City. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at kcstarlight.com, by calling 816-363-STAR (7827) or visiting the box office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64132. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

Discount prices for groups of 10 or more are available by contacting 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 2019 AdventHealth Broadway Series. If you purchase tickets from another website or ticket broker, we cannot guarantee those tickets are legitimate.

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About Starlight Theatre

Starlight Theatre is the largest and oldest performing arts organization in Kansas City and the second-largest outdoor producing theatre in the country. Opened as a theater in 1950 and as a not-for-profit organization in 1951, Starlight presents and produces Broadway musicals and concerts. It also offers extensive community outreach and educational programming, including classes, scholarships and Starlight's Blue Star Awards, one of the largest high school musical theatre award programs in the nation.

Located on 16 acres in Swope Park, Starlight's venue includes rehearsal halls, gift store, club area for dining, concessions, gardens, fountains and a 10-story, climate-controlled stage. For more information, visit www.kcstarlight.com.

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