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2019-20 Blue Star Awards Nominations to Premiere Live on Facebook Thursday, May 21



Starlight's Blue Star Awards is one of the largest high school musical theatre awards programs in the country and serves 5,000 Kansas City-area students annually.

NAME OF EVENT: 2019-20 Starlight Blue Star Awards Nominations

EVENT DESCRIPTION: Members of Starlight's community engagement team will premiere the much-anticipated 2019-20 Blue Star Awards Nominations LIVE on Facebook.

LOCATION AND PRESENTATION INFORMATION: Originally expected to be announced in area high schools, Starlight staff and leadership will announce this season's Blue Star Awards nominations virtually in an effort to keep everyone safe in light of circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

- **Location:** <https://www.facebook.com/kcstarlight/>
- **Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2020
- **Announcement Time:** 3:30 p.m. CDT

STARLIGHT'S BLUE STAR AWARDS: Each year, Starlight presents awards in a total of 23 categories in the Blue Star Awards, including technical categories like Outstanding Hair & Makeup Design and Outstanding Lighting Design, performance categories like Outstanding Ensemble and Outstanding Overall Production, and more. Two \$2,500 Rising

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Star Scholarships are awarded to seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and made a significant impact on their high school theatre departments. With up to eight nominations per category, the Blue Star Awards annually celebrate hundreds of students and their incredible work in theatre.

The annual Blue Star Awards Ceremony, originally scheduled for May 21, 2020, has been postponed to Friday, July 31, 2020. It is currently scheduled to be held in person at Starlight Theatre pending city guidelines on large gatherings at that time.

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About Starlight

Opened as a theatre in 1950 and a nonprofit organization in 1951, Starlight is the largest and oldest performing arts institution in Kansas City and provides inspiring, one-of-a-kind experiences to its patrons. Starlight presents and produces Broadway musicals, concerts and Indoors shows in addition to offering 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 historic, city-owned venue is the second-largest outdoor producing theatre in the country and includes rehearsal halls, a museum, club area for dining, concessions, gardens, fountains and a 10-story, climate-controlled stage. For more information, visit kcstarlight.com.

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