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Kansas City Ballet Performs Under the Stars for the First Time Ever at Starlight, May 21 & 22



In addition to public performances, the Kansas City Ballet will also host a FREE community performance in celebration of essential and front line workers.

NAME OF EVENT: Kansas City Ballet at Starlight

EVENT DESCRIPTION: Join the Kansas City Ballet at Starlight Theatre for a 70-minute performance uniquely designed to tantalize your sense of adventure. All ballets on the Kansas City Ballet at Starlight program are brand new works by extraordinarily gifted choreographers. These outdoor performances will be an exciting opportunity to experience live ballet on stage once again.

LOCATION, DATE & TIME:

- **Location:** Starlight Theatre (4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City, Mo., 64132)
- **Dates and times:** Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m.
- **Special performance:** Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m. for Kansas City Community

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Kansas City Ballet would like to extend a very special offer to the community in celebration of essential and front-line workers with a FREE performance Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m. as our way of thanking them for all their vital work this past year. Reservations are required and can be made at kcstarlight.com/ or <https://kcballet.org/> or by

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phone (816) 363-7827. FREE parking for the matinee performance is available.

Kansas City Ballet will perform at Starlight May 21-22. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performances are \$35. To purchase tickets, visit kcstarlight.com or call the box office at (816) 363-7827. Masks, social distancing and safety protocols will be required. There will be concessions available for purchase.

Choreographers including Kansas City Ballet Artistic Director Devon Carney, Kansas City Ballet Masters Kristi Capps and Parrish Maynard, Principal Dancer at Houston Ballet Melody Mennite, KCB II Manager Christopher Ruud and KCB Company dancers Emily Mistretta and James Kirby Rogers. Bios can be found at www.kcballet.org.

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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 engagement 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.

About Kansas City Ballet

Founded in 1957, Kansas City Ballet is a professional ballet company led by Artistic Director Devon Carney and Executive Director Jeffrey J. Bentley. The company's mission is to establish Kansas City Ballet as an indispensable community asset through exceptional performances, excellence in dance training and quality community education programs for all ages. Kansas City Ballet is home to Kansas City Ballet School which, with an enrollment of more than 2,000 children and adults, offers professional training for the career-minded student as well as for those simply seeking a healthy lifestyle.

Through the professional company, second company (KCB II & Trainees), and community engagement and education programs, Kansas City Ballet seeks to nurture and develop artists, audiences, and students in the values inherent in the creativity, diversity, and joy of dance. The company's home, the Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity, in conjunction with our Resident Company status at the world-class Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, positions Kansas City as a destination for dance.

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