

Starlight Stars 2022 Program Overview

The Starlight Stars program is structured to develop and hone the skills of high school performers. Since 2003, this educational program has prepared company members to pursue arts careers, with alumni performing across the country and abroad. Selected students:

- Strengthen their resumes
- Perform at Starlight and throughout Kansas City
- Cultivate skills
- Network with industry professionals
- Gain experience in a variety of performance styles
- Are eligible to audition for Starlight productions
- Become part of the Starlight community

The program's activities take place throughout the summer, with additional fall and winter opportunities. Stars create a musical theatre medley that they perform at Starlight prior to select Broadway performances and while representing Starlight at multiple community events. Company members receive access to master classes and industry workshops. During all indoor sessions and rehearsals, students and all Starlight staff will be required to wear masks. For any outdoor sessions or performances, masking will be based on the comfort level of the student.

AUDITIONS

Students in grades 8 through 11 during the current school year (2021/2022) may attend in-person auditions. Video submissions will not be accepted.

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. Required arrival time for check-in is 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. Required arrival time for check-in is 1:45 p.m.

REHEARSALS

Initial Rehearsal Dates*:

Saturday, May 28; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Mandatory Parent/Guardian Meeting 9:00-9:30 a.m.)

Sunday, May 29; 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 6 through Saturday, June 11; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Because the Starlight Stars will create their summer performance in this short window of time, conflicts during the above Initial Rehearsal Dates are non-negotiable.*

Continuing Rehearsal Dates:

Sunday, July 10; 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 31; 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 11; 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

STARLIGHT SPOTLIGHT STAGE PERFORMANCES

Saturday, June 11 or Sunday, June 12 (TBD)

Wednesday, August 10

Thursday, August 18

Sunday, September 18

Call time: 6:30 p.m.

Performance #1: 7:00 p.m.

Performance #2: 7:25 p.m.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES

Future Stages Festival – Sunday, June 12 – time TBD (morning/afternoon)

The Big Picnic – mid-July – Tentative (still waiting on confirmation)

Board of Directors Performance – TBD – Tentative (still waiting on confirmation)

MASTER CLASSES

Master classes with cast members from Starlight’s Broadway season will be scheduled throughout the summer. The days/times of these sessions are yet to be finalized with the tours, but below is our requested schedule. Participation in these master classes is optional.

“Hairspray” – Thursday, June 9; 1:30-3:00 p.m.

“Anastasia” – Wednesday, August 10; 4:30-6:00 p.m.

“Sister Act” – Saturday, August 20; 2:30-4:00 p.m.

“The Prom” – Sunday, September 18; 4:30-6:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Starlight Gala:

Members of the Starlight Stars and Starlight Stars of Tomorrow may be invited to perform as part of Starlight’s Gala on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Their participation will be dependent upon final event needs. Participation will be optional, with students being notified as early as possible. Rehearsal details will be finalized closer to the event and communicated prior to asking for a commitment.

Holiday Medley Performances:

Members of the Starlight Stars and Starlight Stars of Tomorrow will have the opportunity to participate in November/December holiday performances (6 to 8 anticipated). Starlight Stars will be required to “opt in” by Monday, August 1. A 15-minute holiday medley will be performed throughout Kansas City at venues like Union Station and Crown Center. For those participants not opting in, the holiday medley rehearsals listed on this document will not be required. Holiday medley rehearsals are:

Sunday, September 4; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 9; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 16; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 23; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

COST

For those selected, the cost of the Starlight Stars is \$400.

Two full scholarships will be available for the program based on financial need. The scholarship application is available upon request. To receive a scholarship, the student must audition and be cast in the troupe. The application deadline is May 23. Additionally, a payment plan can be set up.

For more information, contact education@kcstarlight.com.