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The Hilarious Hit Broadway Musical *Waitress* Comes to Starlight Theatre for One Week Only



Waitress is part of the 2022 AdventHealth Broadway Series at Starlight Theatre.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight is thrilled to announce that *Waitress* will play under the stars for one week only May 17-22. *Waitress* is an uplifting musical that celebrates friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie.

“*Waitress* is a fan-favorite that features a moving story of female empowerment,” Rich Baker, President + C.E.O. of Starlight, said. “With an impressive all-female creative team including music by pop icon Sara Bareilles, the diner is ‘Opening Up’ May 17 for one week only—and you won’t want to miss it.”

Tickets are on sale 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. Tickets range from \$15-\$95 exclusive of tax and fees.

About the Show

Meet Jenna, a waitress and expert pie-maker who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. Pouring her heart into her pies, she crafts desserts that mirror her topsy-turvy life such as “The Key (Lime) to Happiness Pie” and “Betrayed By My Eggs Pie.” When a baking contest in a nearby county—and a satisfying encounter with someone new—show Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. Change is on the menu, as long as Jenna can write her own perfectly personal recipe for happiness.

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About the Production

Waitress opened April 24, 2016, at Broadway's Brooks Atkinson Theatre. Based upon the 2007 motion picture written by Adrienne Shelly, *Waitress* is the first Broadway musical in history to have four women in the four top creative team spots with a book by Jessie Nelson, a score by GRAMMY® Award-winning singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles (composer of "Love Song" and "Brave"), choreography by Lorin Latarro and direction by Tony Award®-winner Diane Paulus. The *Waitress* tour features Choreography re-created by Abbey O'Brien, Tour Direction re-created by Susanna Wolk, and includes Scott Pask, Scenic Design; Suttirat Anne Larlarb, Costume Design; Ken Billington, Lighting Design; Jonathan Deans, Sound Design; Wigs by Richard Mawbey; original music supervision by Nadia DiGiallonardo, with tour music supervision by Ryan Cantwell. Arrangements by Nadia DiGiallonardo and Sara Bareilles, and Orchestrations by Sara Bareilles and The Waitress Band. *Waitress* is produced by NETWORKS Presentations LLC. Casting by Stewart/Whitley.

How to Purchase

Tickets to *Waitress* 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. Season tickets are still available and include additional benefits like free parking, a "weatherproof" season, and more.

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 2022 Broadway Series. If you purchase tickets from another website or ticket broker, we cannot guarantee those tickets are legitimate.

About the Producer

NETWORKS PRESENTATIONS is an industry-leading producer of touring musical theater productions committed to delivering quality entertainment to audiences worldwide. Having produced national and international tours over 20 years, NETWORKS' productions include Cameron Mackintosh's *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*, *Miss Saigon*; *The Band's Visit*, *A Bronx Tale*, *Blue Man Group Speechless Tour*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Once On This Island*, Nickelodeon's *The SpongeBob Musical*, and *Waitress*.

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

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for dining, concessions, gardens, fountains and a 10-story, climate-controlled stage. For more information, visit kcstarlight.com.

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