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Starlight to Reveal the Nominations for the 20th Annual Blue Star Awards



Starlight will reveal the nominations for the 20th Annual Blue Star Awards with a return to in-school presentations for the first time since 2019.

NAME OF EVENT: Blue Star Awards Nomination Delivery Day

EVENT DESCRIPTION: Each year, thousands of high school students across the Kansas City metro wait in anticipation for the revelation of the annual Blue Star Awards nominations. After a hiatus due to the pandemic, Starlight leadership, staff, and board members are able to return to in-person presentations to reveal this year's nominations.

LOCATION & TIME: All presentations will take place **Thursday, April 28**. See below for more information, including presentation times and presenters.

- **Location:** Olathe West High School, 19 nominations
- **Presenter:** Alex Jones, Starlight's V.P. of Community Engagement
- **Time:** 7:30 a.m.

- **Location:** Liberty High School, 11 nominations
- **Presenter:** Rich Baker, Starlight's President + C.E.O.
- **Time:** 8 a.m.

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- **Location: Oak Park High School, 5 nominations**
- **Presenter:** Caroline Gibel, Starlight's Director of Indoor Programming
- **Time:** 8 a.m.

- **Location: Park Hill High School, 11 nominations**
- **Presenter:** Andy Pierce, Starlight's Community Engagement Manager
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

- **Location: Olathe South High School, 18 nominations**
- **Presenter:** Alex Jones, Starlight's V.P. of Community Engagement
- **Time:** 9:45 a.m.

- **Location: Liberty North High School, 16 nominations**
- **Presenter:** Katie McKernan, Starlight's Community Engagement Coordinator
- **Time:** 10:40 a.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Modeled after Broadway's Tony Awards®, Starlight's annual Blue Star Awards recognize achievement and excellence in musical theatre among Kansas City area high school students.

Established in 2003, the program is one of the largest and most admired high school musical theatre awards programs in the nation. All high schools in metropolitan Kansas City and selected outlying communities are invited to participate. Each year the program serves 5,000 area students who contribute either on the stage or behind the scenes to their schools' musical theatre productions.

The annual Blue Star Awards Ceremony will take place Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Starlight Theatre. Tickets are free but reservations are required. To reserve tickets, visit kcstarlight.com or call the box office at (816) 363-7827. There will be limited concessions available for purchase.

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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-

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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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