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## The Reinvention of *Riverdance* Returns



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

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Starlight looks forward to showcasing the 25th Anniversary production of *Riverdance* June 17-19. For three nights only, watch the return of the one and only *Riverdance*, celebrating Irish and international dance.

The *Riverdance* company includes TikTok sensations Matthew and Michael Gardiner (@gardinerbrothers) and Morgan Bullock (@yourangleyouordevil), whose performance of Megan Thee Stallion’s “Savage Remix” went viral on the platform in 2020. Megan will make her professional U.S. stage debut in this production. The cast will also feature, for the first time, children of original *Riverdance* cast members, Cian Porter and Faith Moore.

“A family favorite, *Riverdance* continues to entertain audiences worldwide with the tradition and beauty of Irish culture,” said Rich Baker, President + CEO of Starlight. “I hope you will fall in love with the magic that has inspired audiences across the globe.”

Tickets to *Riverdance* are on sale now and available online at [kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com), by calling (816) 363-7827, or by visiting the ticket office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City, Mo., 64132.

**About the Show:**

This is *Riverdance* as you’ve never seen it before! A powerful and stirring reinvention of this beloved

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favorite and celebrated the world over for its GRAMMY Award-winning score and the thrilling energy and passion of its Irish and international dance. Twenty-five years on, composer Bill Whelan has rerecorded his mesmerizing soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan have completely reimagined the ground-breaking show with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, stage, and costume designs.

### **About the Production:**

*Riverdance* began its journey as the interval act in the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest, produced for television by Moya Doherty. This electrifying and innovative seven-minute dance piece was then developed into a full-length stage show by Producer Moya Doherty, Composer Bill Whelan, and Director John McColgan. With its fusion of Irish and International music and dance, the show broke all box office records during its world premiere run in Dublin in early 1995. When the show transferred to London, the reaction was unprecedented. There followed a hugely successful tour starting in New York in March 1996, where eight sold-out shows at Radio City Music Hall heralded the start of more than two decades of touring by *Riverdance* companies throughout North America. Since its inception, *Riverdance* has packed theatres throughout North America, Oceania, Asia, Europe, South Africa, and South America.

### **How to Purchase Tickets:**

Tickets to *Riverdance* are on sale now and available online at [kcstarlight.com](http://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](http://kcstarlight.com).

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](mailto:groups@kcstarlight.com). Please note that [kcstarlight.com](http://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:**

Abhann Productions is the production company of *Riverdance*. *Riverdance* began live performances in Dublin, Ireland, in 1995, and since then the show has been seen by over 28 million people in over 550 venues worldwide.

### **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 indoor 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 3

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for dining, concessions, gardens, fountains and a 10-story, climate-controlled stage. For more information, visit [kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com).

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