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## Starlight Announces its 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series



*Kansas City audiences can expect another inspiring summer of Broadway under the stars.*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Starlight Theatre is excited to announce its 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series, which invites audiences to witness pivotal moments in time through seven iconic, straight-from-Broadway shows. Season tickets 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.

Step into the room during the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Celebrate the spirit of the 1960s to the iconic tunes of *Rain - A Tribute to The Beatles*, and encounter the grit of the 1990s through the music of Alanis Morissette with *Jagged Little Pill*. From *Jesus Christ Superstar* and biblical times, to the over-the-top era of the 1980s with *Tootsie*, to the international shock of 9/11 through *Come From Away*, these stories will take you on a journey through time. One final Broadway season show will be announced at a later date, so stay tuned for even more exciting news coming soon.

“I’m especially excited for next summer’s blockbuster Broadway season,” Rich Baker, President + C.E.O. of Starlight, said. “These shows deliver a mix of classic stories, stories retold, and contemporary Broadway. We’re celebrating important moments in history through a musical lens. It’s going to be an incredible summer featuring highlights of shared history in poignant and moving ways.”

Season ticket holders may renew their five-show season now and add one or all weekend specials, *Tootsie* and *Rain - A Tribute to The Beatles*, at the time of renewal. New season ticket holders may also secure their tickets for the 2023 season now and will be seated after renewals are complete.

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Individual tickets will go on sale at a later date. Season ticket holders get the best price on tickets, plus exclusive benefits like free parking, a “weatherproof” season, dining discounts and much more.

Plus, season ticket holders may add to their experience by purchasing a dining package in the Applause Club on-site at Starlight. Enjoy a multi-course meal served buffet style just steps from your seats. For more information on dining options visit [www.kcstarlight.com](http://www.kcstarlight.com).

**In chronological order, the 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series at Starlight is as follows:**

**Tootsie - Weekend Special**

**May 19-21, 2023**

This laugh-out-loud love letter to the theatre tells the story of Michael Dorsey, a talented but difficult actor who struggles to find work until one show-stopping act of desperation lands him the role of a lifetime. Featuring a hilarious Tony®-winning book by Robert Horn and an outrageously clever score by 2018 Tony winner David Yazbek (*The Band's Visit*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*), this *New York Times* Critic's Pick is a “joyful delight” (*The Washington Post*) that's “so packed with punchlines, it should be called a jokebox musical!” (*Bloomberg*).

**Jesus Christ Superstar**

**June 20-25, 2023**

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a new mesmerizing production of the iconic musical phenomenon returns to the stage. Appealing to both theater audiences and concert music fans, this production pays tribute to the historic 1971 Billboard Album of the Year while creating a modern, theatrical world that is uniquely fresh and inspiring. With lyrics and music by Emmy, GRAMMY, Oscar, and Tony winners Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Jesus Christ Superstar* is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of Judas.

**1776**

**July 25-30, 2023**

What will it take to get two dozen powerfully passionate, exceedingly complicated, and all-too-human individuals to settle their differences while they hold the very future of a nation in their hands? This Tony Award-winning Best Musical is tuneful, witty, and constantly surprising, especially in this revolutionary new production from directors Jeffrey L. Page (*Violet*) and Diane Paulus (*Waitress*) with a cast that reflects multiple representations of race, gender, and ethnicity. You may never think about our country—who we are and why—the same way again.

**Rain – A Tribute to The Beatles**

**July 21-23, 2023**

*Rain – A Tribute to The Beatles* performs songs from the classic Beatles' albums Abbey Road & the Rooftop Concert LIVE, in addition to all your favorite hits. This mind-blowing performance takes you back in time with the legendary foursome delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that is the next best thing to seeing The Beatles. Experience the world's most iconic band and get back to where you once belonged with *Rain – A Tribute to The Beatles*.

**Jagged Little Pill**

**August 1-6, 2023**

Joy, strength, love, courage, catharsis, LIFE: everything we want in a Broadway show can be

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found in this Tony and GRAMMY Award-winning new musical, based on Alanis Morissette's world-changing music. Directed by Tony Award winner Diane Paulus (*Waitress, Pippin, 1776*) with a Tony-winning book by Diablo Cody (*Juno*) and GRAMMY-winning score, this electrifying production about a perfectly imperfect American family "vaults the audience to its collective feet" (*The Guardian*). "Redemptive, rousing and real, *Jagged Little Pill* stands alongside the original musicals that have sustained the best hopes of Broadway." (*The New York Times*).

### **Come From Away**

**August 29-September 3, 2023**

Broadway's *Come From Away* is a Best Musical winner across North America! This *New York Times* Critic's Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. Don't miss this breathtaking new musical written by Tony nominees Irene Sankoff and David Hein and helmed by Tony-winning Best Director Christopher Ashley. *Newsweek* cheers, "It takes you to a place you never want to leave!"

### **To Be Announced**

One final Broadway show, which is part of the five-show season package, will be announced at a later date. To be the first to know, sign up for Starlight's email list at [kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com).

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

Season tickets 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 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series. If you purchase tickets from another website or ticket broker, we cannot guarantee those tickets are legitimate.

### **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, club area 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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