



Learning is Fun when you "Act Like an Animal"

The educational offerings at Starlight Theatre grow more diverse each year. Classes and workshops are now offered on-site for toddlers through teens. Performing arts residencies and scholarship programs reach further into the community than ever before.

One of the newest and most popular offerings from Starlight puts a summertime twist on the notion of education. Starlight's "Act Like an Animal" Camp makes learning fun!

This one-of-a-kind camp experience for 5- to 9-year-olds is a collaborative effort with our neighbor, the Kansas City Zoo. For two weeks last July, campers experienced acting, movement, voice and the visual arts at Starlight. They also explored the zoo, learning about animals, their behaviors and habitats.



Campers and their parents were treated to a workshop with the Flying Monkeys from *The Wizard of Oz*, a personal backstage tour led by Bob

Rohlf and a night under the stars with Dorothy, Toto and friends. The 2007 camp program concluded with an exhibit featuring the campers' art projects and a song and dance performance for parents.

The annual camp program is supported through Magic Touch Cleaning Inc. and the Gary and Trish Walker Foundation.

Cuteness and creativity are in abundance among the campers at the annual "Act Like an Animal" camp, jointly sponsored by Starlight and the Kansas City Zoo.

In 2008, the program's third summer, "Act Like an Animal" Camp has already filled its 60 camper slots. To add your child's name to our waiting list, call 816.997.1132.

Our Guests are our Stars



2007 Annual Report



 **Starlight Theatre**
4600 Starlight Road
Kansas City, MO 64132
A 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization

 **Starlight Theatre**

A Word from our Chairman

What a Sweet, Satisfying Run it's been

I consider myself very fortunate. In my day job, I derive great satisfaction from leading the communications efforts of an iconic Kansas City corporation, Hallmark Cards Inc. And, in my "spare" time of recent years, I've had the extremely satisfying opportunity to play a role in the continued growth and evolution of another Kansas City icon – Starlight Theatre.



Steve Doyal

As it is when you see any major effort through to its successful end, the conclusion of my two years as Chairman and six years as a member of the Starlight Theatre Association board is bittersweet. I've made new friendships and solidified old. I've shared my opinions and insights and, hopefully, contributed to this grand old theatre growing bigger and better than it's ever been before.

We can be very proud of the community relationships we've built, the capital projects we've completed, the thousands of Kansas City youngsters we've reached with our theatre education programs. These and many other accomplishments are testament to Starlight holding true to its vision:

Starlight Theatre is the premier entertainment treasure of the heartland, where performing arts share center stage with education.

During my board tenure, I've had the pleasure of working alongside a remarkable group of dedicated volunteer leaders, Starlight's committed staff and hundreds of generous companies, organizations and individual donors to ready the 16-acre Starlight Theatre complex for generations to come. The successful completion of our three-year Future Generations Campaign brought \$15.25 million of new funds to bear on projects highly visible to the public: expansive new restrooms, convenient concessions stands and even indoor dining spaces. The campaign also worked behind the scenes, creating additional scholarships for minority youth and talented teens, a new infrastructure for Starlight's IT systems and the theatre's first-ever endowment to keep it viable despite unforeseen circumstances in weather, programming and the like. The list goes on. All thanks to the generous support of each of you.

Although my time leading the board is complete, this is one sweet run that's far from over for me and my wife, Cathy. Just as we have for as long as we can remember, Wednesday nights will find us enjoying another summer night – or five – under the Starlight sky.

Hope to see you there!

Steve Doyal

Steve Doyal
Chairman of the Board 2006-07

*Enjoying the
Starlight 2007 Gala
were (left to right)
Bob and Lisa Rohlf,
Steve and Cathy
Doyal, and Jill and
Don Hall.*



Notes from our President

The Lasting Tradition of Starlight

Dear Friends of Starlight,

As we look back upon Starlight's 57th Anniversary season, we are reminded once again of the roots of our organization. This 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation was founded in 1950, when the theatre was built as a lasting memorial to the citizens of our community in celebration of Kansas City's centennial. Once the "Thrills of a Century" pageant was over, the question, "What now?" arose. Since funding wasn't available for the new theatre, the citizens' Centennial Committee was asked to assume responsibility for the theatre, including funding.

John A. Moore, previously president of the Board of Park Commissioners, assumed the post of Board Chair of the newly formed Starlight Theatre Association of Kansas City, Inc. and, with the assistance of other civic and business leaders, raised enough money to assume responsibility for operating and programming the 8,000-seat amphitheatre. In the summer of 1951, a lasting tradition of Kansas City was born.

Today, 58 years later, the Association's responsibilities remain, including funding all programming, operations and maintenance. Its relationship with the City of Kansas City, Mo., as owners of the Starlight facility, is a shining example of the best possible public-private partnership. As an example, during the past 15 years the Association has provided more than \$25 million of improvement funding, while the City has provided about \$7 million. The result is a world-class, nationally recognized facility that attracts visitors from all 50 states each summer, all of whom bring positive economic impact to the Kansas City community and spread the good word about our vibrant city.

While this report tells the story of our 2007 season, it also gives indications of the expanding role Starlight Theatre plays in our community. Outreach and educational programs continue to reach into every corner of our city with efforts that result in an improved quality of life and innovative uses of the power of creativity. From senior citizens to pre-school students, the diversity evident in the audiences of these programs exemplifies the Association's continued commitment to people in every walk of life. That commitment was born in 1951 and continues to thrive as we expand the resources applied to such programs.

While we are fond of saying "It Wouldn't Be Summer Without Starlight," we are highly conscious of the fact that it wouldn't be Starlight without the patrons and donors who support our programs. To those listed herein and to the thousands of others who grace us with their support, we say Thank You. You have our commitment to continue to work very hard to earn your support, your respect and your faith.


Robert M. Rohlff
President & Executive Producer



Bob Rohlff



Bob Rohlff recently took time to celebrate a KCCVA award nomination with his Starlight staff.

Securing Starlight for Future Generations

Change has been a constant for the Starlight Theatre complex since the mid-1990s. The expansion and enhancement of our theatre facilities since that time have drawn rave reviews from performers and audience members alike. Key additions to Starlight between 1995 and 2000 included new restrooms and office space on the theatre's southwest side, the Shirley Bush Helzberg Garden of the Stars and Steadman fountains and, of course, the state-of-the-art Jeannette & Jerome Cohen Community Stage.


To set the stage for continued success, Starlight leaders in 2002 drafted a Campus Master Plan to strategically guide future growth. The outgrowth of the plan was the launching of the three-year \$15.25 million Future Generations Campaign. We thank the many generous organizations and individuals listed below who helped us complete our campaign and ensure the Starlight experience for future generations.

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 **2003**

April

- Future Generations Campaign launched
- The Endowment to Protect and Preserve Starlight Theatre established

Future Generations Campaign

Starlight Theatre-goers Will Benefit from the Visions of this Campaign for Generations to Come

2007 Starlight Theatre Future Generations Campaign Cabinet

- Chuck Battey***
Campaign Co-chair
Sprint (retired)
- The Honorable Peggy Dunn***
Campaign Co-chair
Mayor of Leawood, Kansas
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- Frank J. Ross, Jr.**
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Campaign Revenue

FY 2003: \$706,811
 FY 2004: \$7,104,817
 FY 2005: \$3,598,406
 FY 2006: \$1,602,361
 FY 2007: \$2,404,338

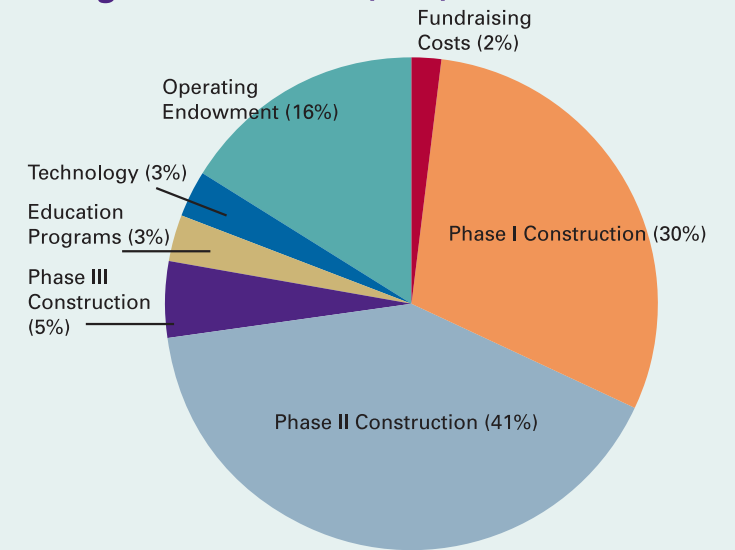
TOTAL = \$15,416,733
 (as of 9/30/07)



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Future Generations Capital Campaign Usage Budgeted Total: \$15,250,000



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2004

April

- J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation \$1 million challenge grant issued (completed April 2005)

May

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City agrees to sponsor an innovative, new program to celebrate high school musical theatre, the Blue Star Program

2005

April

- The Kresge Foundation \$950,000 challenge grant issued (completed October 2006)

May

- Phase I construction completed: East side concessions and restrooms

2006

June

- Phase II construction completed: Production, rehearsal and administrative spaces

2007

July

- Phase III construction completed: North side improvements, including dedication of Anita B. Gorman Court of Honor (pictured on previous page)

Starlight Theatre's 2007 Gala

Annual Benefit Takes Guests on an Exploration of Imagination

Starlight Theatre Future Generations Campaign, cont'd.

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It's hard to *imagine* a more perfect evening under the stars than the Starlight Theatre 21st Annual Benefit Gala! The weather was ideal, the décor was stunning and guests were invited to enjoy an evening of fine dining and entertainment at Starlight. The theme of the evening, "IMAGINE," encouraged guests to open their minds to the possibilities of dreams, fantasies and alternate realities.

Upon arrival at Starlight on May 19, 2007, guests were greeted by stilt walkers, fire eaters and life-size (and live) poppies. Later, the evening's entertainment transported guests to an "Imagination Exploration" on Starlight's Jeannette & Jerome Cohen Community Stage. Professional vocalists, dancers and actors, joined by a children's chorus, led the audience on a musical journey that stimulated the senses.

Former Starlight board chairman Charles W. "Chuck" Battey" was honored as the 2007 Star Award recipient. Battey was recognized for his many years of service to Starlight, particularly for his role as co-chair of the largest capital campaign in Starlight history. The \$15.25 million Future Generations Campaign was successfully concluded in October 2006.

Jill & Don

Jill and Don Hall

2007 Starlight Gala co-chairs

Our Multi-Year Gala Sponsors 2006-08

(In alphabetical order)

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2007 Gala chairs Jill and Don Hall posed with the dancing poppies.

Our 2007 Gala Event Benefactors

(In alphabetical order)

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Bill Willson

While construction of new facilities and enhancement of existing ones were major areas of focus of the Future Generations Campaign, significant funds also were raised in support of educational programs, technology upgrades and the first-ever Starlight Theatre endowment. The latter is intended to help offset operations and facility maintenance costs and provide emergency funding.

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Aaron Whitten
2003 Scholarship recipient

Heather Leigh Kline
2006 recipient

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2007 recipient

Melissa Rhodes
2007 recipient

Move over, football trophies. Save some space, cheerleading ribbons. Clear the walls, art awards. It's high time that high school musical theatre gets the recognition and reward it deserves!

Blue Star: 5 Years Strong and Growing

Talented Teens Take Their Bows on Starlight's Stage

2007 marked the first of what Starlight Theatre and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City hope will be many milestone anniversaries for the Blue Star Program. Five years strong and growing!

Since 2003, Blue Star has worked hard to bring well-deserved attention to the talented young performers, instructors and theatre programs in Kansas City area high schools. The number of participating high schools has climbed from an initial 18 to 40 in 2007. More than 100 nominations are announced each spring, and awards are presented in 23 performance categories from "Outstanding Lighting Design" and "Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design" to "Outstanding Technical Crew" and "Outstanding Featured Performance."

Celebrating these outstanding achievers and achievements is the highlight of the program's annual grand finale – the Blue Star Ceremony on the Starlight Theatre stage. It's Kansas City's rendition of the Tony Awards. Last May more than 3,000 fans of high school musical theatre turned out at Starlight to applaud these high achievers and enjoy their live performances under the stars.

So, don't be surprised when any – or many – of these talented teens take their bows under the bright lights of Broadway in the years to come!

A Look Back

The Blue Star equivalent of a Tony Award for Best Musical is the annual award for

"Outstanding Overall Production." During the past five years, the following high schools have shown they have what it takes to wow audiences and Blue Star adjudicators alike:

2007: Lee's Summit High School,
Wonderful Town

2006: Park Hill High School,
Les Misérables

2005: Lee's Summit North High School,
Seussical, the Musical

2004: Lee's Summit High School,
Children of Eden

2003: Shawnee Mission East High School,
Little Shop of Horrors

Where Are They Now?

Beyond its 23 categories of performance recognition, each year the Blue Star Program awards \$2,500 Rising Star scholarships to the one female and one male senior who have made the greatest contributions to their high schools' theatre and music departments. During the past five years, Starlight and Blue Star sponsor Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City have provided \$25,000 in college scholarships to 10 talented and dedicated students. Each was nominated by their Blue Star school instructor.

Most of the scholarship recipients have gone on to pursue degrees in the performing arts, but even if they've chosen another field of study, they all profess a continued passion for theatre, dance or music.

2003 Rising Stars

Brianna McDonald (*Blue Springs South High School*) is studying theatre at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

Aaron Whitten (*North Kansas City High School*) is completing his musical theatre degree at Southwest Missouri State University.

2004 Rising Stars

Audrie Williams (*Raymore Peculiar High School*) is a student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Conservatory of Music and Dance, where she studies choral music education. Winning the scholarship gave her "the confidence to continue pursuing the art of performing, even though I intend to make my living by teaching."

Ryan Worsing (*Blue Valley North High School*) is a student at New York University, majoring in musical theatre and international relations. This summer, he'll perform the role of "Tommy Divas" in Starlight's production of *The Music Man*.

2005 Rising Stars

Mindy Moritz (*Shawnee Mission Northwest High School*) studies musical theatre at TwentyFourSeven, a Christian Leadership Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Winning the scholarship was a big confidence-builder for Mindy, and she says it made her feel like she could really accomplish any tasks she set her mind to. She offers some advice to students interested in pursuing performing arts: "Make sure you are always 100% at every rehearsal and show because you never know who will notice you or who you will work with or for."

Brian White (*Olathe East High School*) attends Webster University's Conservatory and is studying regional theatre. His advice for students interested in pursuing theatre? "Don't do it for the applause, and don't do it for the awards. Do it for yourself."

2006 Rising Stars

Heather Leigh Kline (*DeSoto High School*) studies theatre performance at Johnson County Community College and plans to transfer to a university next fall. "Starlight's program is so well respected around Kansas City that mentioning the Rising Star Scholarship on applications has assisted me with being accepted to theatres, theatrical study programs and various schools."

2007 Rising Stars

Phillip Helt (*Rockhurst High School*) is an education major at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minn.

Melissa Rhodes (*St. Teresa's High School*) attends Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and is in the process of declaring a major. "I would advise any student thinking of pursuing theatre, music or dance to recall the sensation of performance," she advised. "If that sensation is something emboldening or exhilaration, then it should never be lost."

Kearney High

Small School, Big Accomplishments

It may not have the student population or the funding sources of some of its larger suburban counterparts in the Blue Star Program, but the theatre department at Kearney High School knows size doesn't matter nearly as much as drive and devotion.

Kearney stepped up to the Blue Star challenge in 2003-04, the program's second year. The school's participation and success has climbed ever since.

"The Blue Star program encourages excellence and constant improvement," said theatre teacher Wendy Fish. "It opens our eyes to other options and ideas and boosts creativity."

With a limited budget raised through ticket sales and fund-raisers, Kearney students, parents and teachers profess the virtues of "do it yourself" when it comes to designing sets, backdrops and costumes. "We improvise to stretch the budget, and we encourage our students to create and participate," Fish said.

Apparently, their off-stage improvisation and on-stage performances are way above par. The evidence? Seventeen nominations and four Blue Star Awards in four years, including:

2007 Outstanding Character Performances, Katie Weidmaier and Caleb Hoffman as Audrey II, *Little Shop of Horrors*

2006 Outstanding Costume Design, Outstanding Chorus, *Once on this Island*

2004 Outstanding Ensemble Group, The Russian Dancers, *Fiddler on the Roof*

SAVE THE DATE!
Join us at Starlight Theatre on Thursday, May 22, 2008 for this year's Blue Star Ceremony. Admission is free, and the show begins at 8 p.m.



Taking home the evening's top honors at the 2006 and 2007 Blue Star ceremonies were (far left) Park Hill High School for *Les Misérables* and (left) Lee's Summit High School for *Wonderful Town*.

In Giving, We Receive

Free Community Ticket Program Shares Starlight Experience with Thousands

A community icon. Landmark. Treasure. Throughout its history, Starlight Theatre has been recognized and celebrated as one of the most unique, beautiful and enduring assets of the Kansas City community.

“Our audience research, which dates back decades, leaves little doubt that this community and its visitors embrace the entertainment experience Starlight delivers each summer,” said Bob Rohlf, Starlight president and executive producer.

Starlight, however, does more than simply reap such praise. It actively gives back to its community by ensuring that some of Kansas City’s most challenged citizens have an opportunity to experience a Starlight night.

For each of its 57 years, Starlight Theatre has provided free tickets to area nonprofit organizations that serve the disadvantaged. The Starlight Community Ticket Program makes available 364 free tickets for every night of every Broadway performance. In 2007, that added up to 11,648 tickets made available to community groups that primarily serve underprivileged and at-risk youth, the medically dependent or disabled, and low-income senior citizens.

The tickets are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested organizations complete a detailed application and submit their requests each spring. In 2007, a total of 114 nonprofit groups enjoyed a Starlight Broadway show.

The agencies and locations served during the 2007 Broadway season

2007 Community Ticket Recipients

ACED – UMKC Institute
for Human Development
Ark of Friends
B.E.S.T. Network
Battlefood Heights
Neighborhood Association
Benilde Hall Program
Benton Group Home
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County
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Boys Hope Girls Hope Kansas City
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Center City Neighborhood Association
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Child Abuse Prevention Association
Cola’s Place
Cole County Residential Services, Inc.
Community Access
Community Care Coalition
Community Living Opportunities

Community Recreation & Resocialization
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Family Advocates, LLC
Crossline Towers Tenant Association
Crossroads Group Home
Diocesan Ministry with Persons with
Disabilities/SPRED
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East Central Kansas
Economic Opportunity Corp.
Eisenhower School Hearts Apart
First African Methodist Episcopal Church
Foster Grandparents of KCK/
Wyandotte County
Foundation Workshop Inc.
Front Porch Alliance
G.R.A.D.E. Foundation
Gillis Center, Inc.

Gregg/Klice Community Center
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Hope Care Center
Horizon Academy
Housing Authority of Independence
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Jackson County Children’s Division
Johnson County Board of Services
Johnson County Development Supports
Johnson County Mother to Mother
Jolliettes Senior Citizens
Kansas City Boys Choir
Kansas City Girls Choir
Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority
Kansas City Opportunities Industrial Center
Kansas State School for the Blind
KC Police Athletic League
KVC Behavioral Healthcare, KCK
KVC Behavioral Healthcare, Olathe

Lafayette County Board of Sheltered Services
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Little Sisters of the Poor
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Miami County Family YMCA
Midwest Foster Care and
Adoption Association
Mission Project
Missouri Valley Community Action Agency,
Pettis County
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New Horizons Assistance Corp.
Northland Drop-In Center
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Operation Breakthrough
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ReDiscover (CPRP), KC
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Rose Brooks Center, Inc.
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Synergy Services, Inc.
The Hope Center
The Lighthouse, Inc.
TLC for Children & Families Inc.
Topeka Housing Authority
Tri-Blenheim Neighborhood Association
Truman Behavioral Health MICA Program
Truman Neurological Center

Turning Point Group Home
Turning Point Center for Hope and Healing
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Development Organization
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University of Kansas Math and Science Center
Village Shalom
Vision Group Inc.
West Central Missouri AHEC - LINC
Western Missouri Mental Health
Esperanza House
Whatsoever Community Center
Women’s Clinic LYD
Wyandotte County Boys & Girls Club

A Kansas City community treasure since 1950, Starlight Theatre makes it a priority to give back to residents through its Community Ticket Program, making available nearly 12,000 free tickets to its Broadway shows each summer.



Starlight’s production of The Wizard of Oz during summer 2007 was the most requested show among Community Ticket groups.

Gifts to the Annual Fund

Contributions to Starlight's Annual Fund Support Theatre and Community Programs

The 2007 season was another memorable one for Starlight Theatre. Donors like you make it possible for Starlight to continue year-round operations and strengthen its tradition of bringing live Broadway musicals and top concert artists to Kansas City on the Cohen Community Stage.

Your generous gifts to the Annual Fund allow us to expand our educational efforts that touch thousands of young people across the metropolitan area. They also help us continue our free Community Ticket Program and ensure that Starlight's 16-acre campus, gardens and beautiful buildings are properly maintained.

Thank you for your contributions to the 2007 Starlight Theatre Annual Fund. We hope we can count on your continued support in the future.



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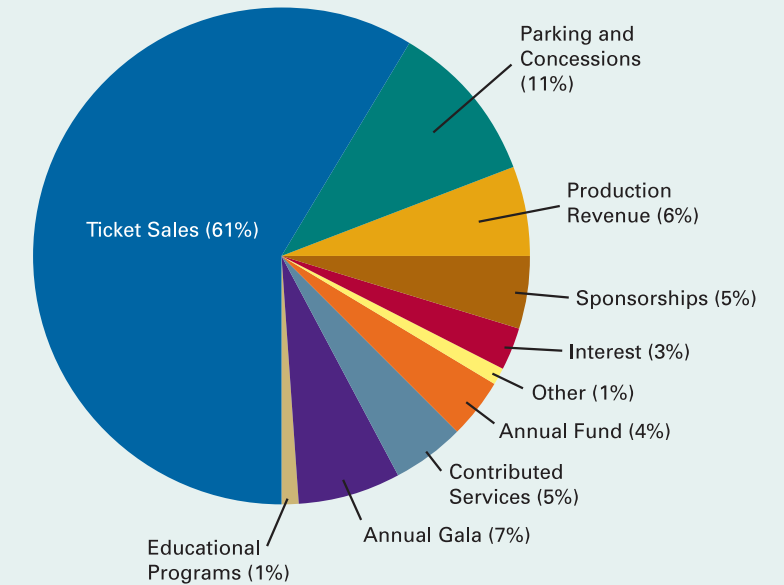
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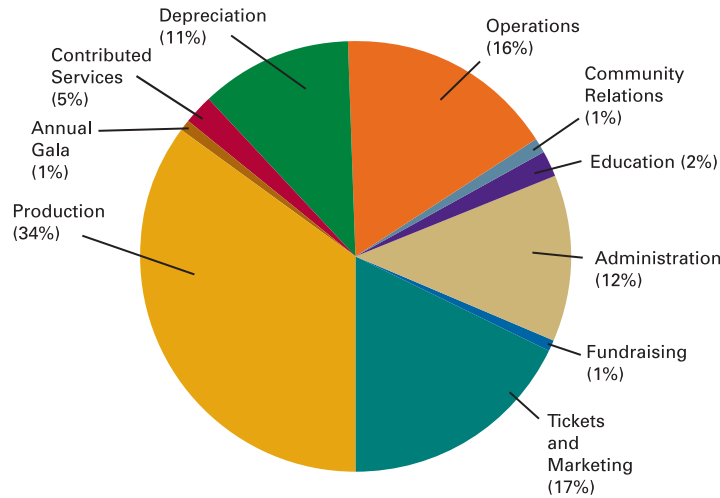
2007 Broadway Shows

Audiences were singing and swaying in their seats to:

- ★ Burn the Floor presents FloorPlay (June 12-17)
- ★ Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (June 26-July 1)
- ★ Sweet Charity (July 10-15)
- ★ The Wizard of Oz (July 23-29)
- ★ West Side Story (August 6-12)

See 2008 show information on page 16.

2007 Operating Expenses
Total: \$9,161,3093



2007 Concerts at Starlight

- ★ Bow Wow (May 25)
- ★ Alison Krauss & Union Station (June 19)
- ★ Jim Brickman (June 23)
- ★ Goo Goo Dolls (July 2)
- ★ Lyle Lovett & k.d. lang (July 6)
- ★ Bob Dylan (July 16)
- ★ The Fray (August 2)
- ★ Earth Wind & Fire (August 17)
- ★ Rock the Light VIII (August 31 & September 1)
- ★ Linda Ronstadt with the Kansas City Symphony (September 7)
- ★ Willie Nelson (September 20)
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- ★ RBD (September 29)

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There's much to see, hear, and enjoy at Starlight in 2008

It wouldn't be summer without Starlight. It wouldn't be Starlight without you. And this is one Starlight summer you definitely won't want to miss!

The 2008 Broadway season at Starlight offers a lineup that's sure to appeal to audiences of all ages and interests. The Starlight stage will play host to new hit national tours and all-time audience favorites this summer.

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss a single Starlight night!

June 17-22

A five-time Tony Award winner on Broadway in 2006, **THE DROWSY CHAPERONE** will leave audiences laughing and longing for more.



July 15-20

The #1 choice in our 2007 audience survey, Disney's **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL** is a hit musical with important messages for all.



July 28-August 3

Fifty years after it took Broadway by storm, **THE MUSIC MAN** and its community chorus of 50+ local kids storms our stage.



August 11-17

At Starlight for the first time in a decade, the beloved **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** tells the tale of family tradition at odds with societal change.



September 10-16

A dramatic end to a delightful season, **LES MISÉRABLES** is always a favorite among theatre fans.



But wait... there are many more nights to save for Starlight this summer. Our 2008 concert series will be bigger and better than ever. Thanks to an expanded relationship with Live Nation, the world's largest live music promoter, Starlight expects to host as many as 20 concerts. The artists already confirmed include:

The Cure
May 19

Sheryl Crow



Sheryl Crow / Brandi Carlisle
June 5

RUSH
June 7



RUSH

James Taylor
June 9

Chicago / Doobie Brothers
June 12

Katt Williams
June 13



James Taylor

Steve Miller Band / Joe Cocker
July 2

Chris Rock
July 5

Poison
July 9



Feist
July 13

Chicago

Yes
August 6

Kathy Griffin
August 22



Rock the Light IX
August 29-30

Maroon 5 / Counting Crows
September 26

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The Four Tops / The Temptations
September 27



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