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# Starlight



Acclaimed Indie Rock Band **VAMPIRE WEEKEND**  
to Perform at Starlight Theatre July 22, 2024



Special Guest **RA RA RIOT** joins the  
line-up as part of the 2024 Capitol  
Federal Concert Series.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Today, **VAMPIRE WEEKEND** announces their 2024 headline North America tour, including a stop at Starlight Theatre **Monday, July 22, 2024.**

Tickets will go on sale to the public **Friday, February 23** at 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Starlight Theatre Ticket Office at (816) 363-7827 or by visiting [kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com). The show will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**VAMPIRE WEEKEND** comes to Starlight as part of the headline Live Nation tour. Please note that [kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com) is the only official ticket source for all shows at Starlight. If you purchase tickets from another website or ticket broker, we cannot guarantee those tickets are legitimate.

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## About VAMPIRE WEEKEND

Vampire Weekend effortlessly blends indie rock with influences from around the globe. With infectious beats and thought-provoking lyrics, their music transcends boundaries and captures the essence of modern artistry. Mixing well-read indie rock with joyful, Afro-pop-inspired melodies and rhythms, Vampire Weekend grew from one of the first bands to be championed by music bloggers into a chart-topping, Grammy Award-winning act that helped define the sound of indie music in the late 2000s and 2010s. After establishing the foundations of their bright, intricate style with 2008's Vampire Weekend, the group soon became hugely successful; they're the first indie rock act to have two consecutive albums (2010's *Contra* and 2013's *Modern Vampires of the City*) enter the Billboard 200 at number one. With each release, Vampire Weekend's music grew more diverse, incorporating ska, hip-hop, and '80s pop influences that nevertheless complemented their signature style. Similarly, the band weathered the loss of founding member Rostam Batmanglij to deliver some of their most polished and ambitious work with 2019's *Father of the Bride*, their third chart-topper.

## About RA RA RIOT

Ra Ra Riot is an American indie rock band consisting of vocalist Wes Miles, bassist Mathieu Santos, guitarist Milo Bonacci, violinist Rebecca Zeller and drummer Kenny Bernard. Ra Ra Riot formed in January 2006,[1] playing at houses and venues around the Syracuse University campus. They recorded a demo in February 2006. The band started to attract attention due to their energetic live shows, enough to gain an appearance at the CMJ Music Marathon, fewer than six months after their formation. Following this appearance, their live show received the first of several favorable reviews from Spin, who called them "one of the best young bands we've heard in a really long time". They went on to open for Art Brut and Bow Wow Wow in New York City, toured the UK twice on their own, then returned, opening for the Editors; they also toured North America supporting Tokyo Police Club. Their first solo headlining tour of the U.S. was completed in 2007, and in early 2008, they embarked on a second. The band was also invited to play the Iceland Airwaves Festival in Reykjavík, Iceland. On February 19, 2016, Ra Ra Riot released their fourth studio album, *Need Your Light*. The album was produced by Ryan Hadlock (Lumineers, Vance Joy) with additional production by Batmanglij, who produced and co-wrote the title track as well as the popular single "Water." On May 17, 2019, the band shared a new song, "Flowers", along with the announcement of their fifth studio album, *Superbloom*.

## 2024 Capitol Federal Concert Series

Each spring and summer, Starlight brings award-winning artists from a wide range of genres to its stage. Below are the concerts announced to date. Additional concert performances will be announced soon. For the most up-to-date concert information, please sign up for our email list at [kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com).

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- June 7, 2024—Tom Segura / Show Time: 8:00 p.m.
- June 9, 2024—Sarah McLachlan / Show Time: 7:30 p.m.
- June 24, 2024—Pixies and Modest Mouse / Show Time: 6:30 p.m.
- June 25, 2024—New Kids on the Block / Show Time: 7:00 p.m.
- June 29, 2024—Parker McCollum / Show Time: 7:30 p.m.
- July 16, 2024—Niall Horan / Show Time: 7:30 p.m.
- July 17, 2024—Train / Show Time: 8:00 p.m.
- July 21, 2024—Jason Mraz / Show Time: 7:00 p.m.
- July 22, 2024—Vampire Weekend / Show Time: 7:00 p.m.
- July 31, 2024—Melissa Ethridge and JEWEL/ Show Time: 7:30 p.m.
- August 3, 2024—Cody Jinks / Show Time: 7:00 p.m.
- September 5, 2024—O.A.R. / Show Time: 7:00 p.m.

Interested in season tickets to the 2024 Capitol Federal Concert Series? Contact Jeff Miller, Concert Sponsorship & VIP Sales Manager, at [jeff.miller@kcstarlight.com](mailto:jeff.miller@kcstarlight.com) or by calling (816) 997-1124. VIP Concert Season Tickets include access to the best seats, reserved parking, early entrance, and exclusive access to Starlight's VIP Club on concert nights.

### **About Starlight**

Opened as a theatre in 1950 and a nonprofit organization in 1951, Starlight is the largest and oldest performing arts organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and connects our community through live arts experiences that entertain, inspire, and engage audiences of all ages. Offering diverse programming year-round, Starlight presents Broadway musicals, concert events, and extensive community engagement programming, including classes, scholarships, and one of the largest high school musical theatre award programs in the nation. Located on 16 acres in Swope Park, the historic, city-owned venue is the second-largest outdoor producing theatre in the country with almost 8,000 seats.

Follow Starlight on social media @kcstarlight and visit [kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com) for more information.

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