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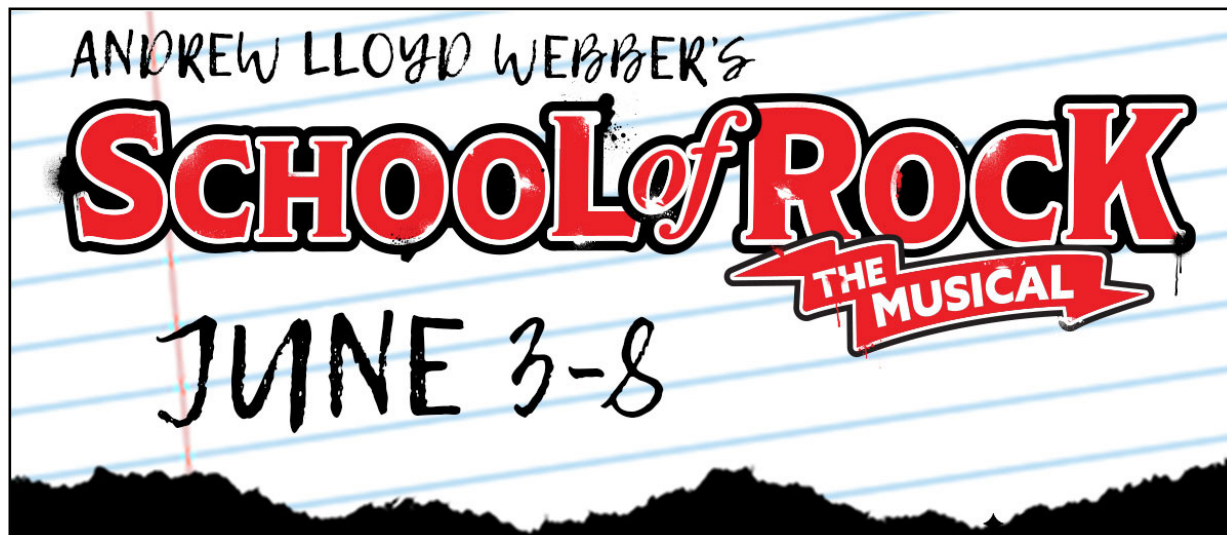
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Starlight's *School of Rock*—The Musical to Feature Local Student Rock Band



School of Rock will play June 3-8 as part of the 2025 AdventHealth Broadway Series.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight Theatre is pleased to announce its production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *School of Rock*—based on the hit movie—will star a rockin' group of students **all local to the Kansas City metro**. Leading the cast will be recording artist and Broadway veteran Jonathon Timpanelli, who was previously seen in the National Broadway Tour of *School of Rock* as Dewey. Tickets are on sale now and available online at kcstarlight.com, by calling (816) 363-7827, or by visiting the ticket office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City, Mo., 64132.

School of Rock is produced by Starlight and directed by Broadway and national tour veteran Jerry Jay Cranford. Previously, Cranford directed and choreographed Starlight's production of *Hairspray* in 2018 and *Godspell* in 2021.

"This high-energy show is sure to be a crowd favorite, but this production is something truly special," Lindsey Rood-Clifford, Starlight President + C.E.O., said. "These talented young artists are living proof of what happens when passion, opportunity, and creativity collide. They are the heartbeat of this show, and I couldn't be more thrilled to have them on our stage."

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About *School of Rock*:

Rock got no reason, rock got no rhyme... You better get me to school on time! Andrew Lloyd Webber's *School of Rock* – The Musical follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A pupils into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. But can he get them to the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress finding out?

School of Rock is a loving testimony to the transforming power of music. May the spirit of rock be with all who pledge allegiance to Lloyd Webber's newest hit!

About Jonathon Timpanelli

After a year of touring all over North America in the First National Tour of *School of Rock*, Jonathon finally made the move to the "Big Apple." In 2020, Jonathon wrote short films, recorded quite a few voiceovers, and continued to practice his craft. Jonathon continues to go viral showcasing his quirky eyebrow skills on shows such as America's Got Talent, The Tonight Show, and SportsCenter. As of recent, Jonathon has traveled all over the world performing his one-man show "Old Soul." He continues to swoon and croon audiences to tunes from Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Michael Bublé and his own original jazz/big band songs. Using comedy, audience interaction, and impeccable dance skills, Jonathon brings you great music, warm laughs, and decent impressions.

How to Purchase Tickets:

Tickets to *School of Rock* are on sale now and available online at kcstarlight.com, by calling (816) 363-7827, or by visiting the ticket office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City Mo., 64132. For more information, including show content advisories, please visit kcstarlight.com.

Discount prices for groups of 10 or more are available for Broadway shows by contacting Starlight's group sales department at 816-997-1137 or groups@kcstarlight.com.

Please note that 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.

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 the community through live arts experiences that entertain, inspire, and engage audiences of all ages.

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With diverse programming year-round, Starlight presents Broadway musicals, concerts, and extensive community engagement programming, including classes, scholarships, and one of the nation's largest high school musical theatre award programs. Located on 16 acres in Swope Park, the city-owned venue houses nearly 8,000 seats, making it the second-largest outdoor producing theatre in the country.

Follow Starlight on social media @kcstarlight and visit kcstarlight.com for more information.

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