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Starlight Announces its 2026 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 2026 AdventHealth Broadway Series with a lineup of four incredible shows under the stars. Season 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.

This summer celebrates the 75th season of Broadway with three Starlight premieres and one return of a popular, Tony Award-winning comedy. Come see what the world could be with *Hadestown*, where a simple song could change your fate. Groove to the chart-busting, show-stopping, award-winning American icon Neil Diamond with *A Beautiful Noise*. Enjoy the iconic musical comedy based on the classic film, Monty Python's *Spamalot* when it gallops back to Starlight in an all-new production. Finally, "Seize the Day" when Starlight's production of Disney's *Newsies* makes its Starlight premiere.

"We're thrilled to bring another incredible summer of Broadway to Kansas City audiences," Lindsey Rood-Clifford, President + C.E.O. of Starlight, said. "From epic storytelling to side-splitting humor, our 2026 season celebrates the magic of live theatre in all its forms. These shows remind us why gathering under the stars to experience powerful stories together remains one of Kansas City's most cherished traditions."

Season ticket packages for the 2026 AdventHealth Broadway Series are on sale now. Individual tickets will go on sale at a later date. Season ticket holders get the best price on tickets, plus exclusive benefits like free premium parking, a "weatherproof" season, dining discounts, and much

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more.

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 just steps from your seats. For more information on dining options visit www.kcstarlight.com.

In chronological order, the 2026 AdventHealth Broadway Series at Starlight is as follows:

Hadestown

June 9 - 14, 2026

COME SEE HOW THE WORLD COULD BE.

Welcome to *Hadestown*, where a song can change your fate. Winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed new show from celebrated singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell and original director Rachel Chavkin (*Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*) is a love story for today... and always.

Hadestown intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone — as it invites you on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back. Mitchell's beguiling melodies and Chavkin's poetic imagination pit industry against nature, doubt against faith, and fear against love. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, dancers and singers, *Hadestown* is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go.

A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical

July 6 - 12, 2026

Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, *A Beautiful Noise* is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 120 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "America," "Forever in Blue Jeans," and "Sweet Caroline," an induction into the Songwriters and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame, a Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis, Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway-and head out on the road across America.

Like *Jersey Boys* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* before it, *A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical* is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hitmaker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career.

Monty Python's Spamalot

August 3 - 8, 2026

Spamalot, which first galloped onto Broadway in 2005, features a book & lyrics by Eric Idle and music by John Du Prez and Eric Idle. The original Broadway production was nominated for fourteen Tony Awards and won three, including Best Musical.

The musical comedy lovingly ripped off from the film classic, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," has everything that makes a great *knight* at the theatre, from flying cows to killer rabbits, British royalty to French taunters, dancing girls, rubbery shrubbery, and of course, the Lady of the Lake. *Spamalot* features well-known song titles such as "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life," "The Song That Goes Like This," "Find Your Grail" and more that have become beloved classics in the musical

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theatre canon.

Starlight's Production of Disney's *Newsies*

September 8 - 13, 2026

Carry the banner with Disney's *Newsies*! Set in turn-of-the century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right!

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, *Newsies* features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Sister Act*) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (*Kinky Boots*). Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," *Newsies* is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message.

This production of *Newsies* was licensed by Music Theatre International.

How to Purchase Season Tickets:

Season 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. All Broadway performances begin at 8 p.m. For more information, including show content advisories, please visit 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. Please note that kcstarlight.com is the only official ticket source for all shows in the 2026 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 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 arts access initiatives, scholarships, school partnerships, and one of the most well-regarded 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 for more information.

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