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## **Sesame Street Puppeteer to Moderate Panel Discussion with Performers at Starlight**



*Life of Pi will play September 16-21 as part of the 2025 AdventHealth Broadway Series.*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Starlight Theatre and Puppetry on Broadway invite anyone attending the **Thursday, September 18** performance of *Life of Pi* to stick around after the show for an exclusive panel discussion featuring the performers and puppeteers in the production. Stacey Gordon will moderate the event. Gordon is best known for portraying "Julia" in the television show "Sesame Street." *Life of Pi* plays September 16 - 21 at Starlight, and tickets are on sale now 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.

"We're incredibly excited to invite Thursday's audience for this special conversation and behind-the-curtain look at the elements that bring this production to life every night," Lindsey Rood-Clifford, President + C.E.O. of Starlight, said. "Opportunities like this bring the magic of live theatre even closer, sparking meaningful conversations that inspire and connect us well beyond the stage."

After a shipwreck in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, a sixteen-year-old boy named Pi survives on a lifeboat with four companions—a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan, and a Royal Bengal tiger, "Richard Parker." This remarkable story of hope, faith, and perseverance

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speaks to every generation. Told with jaw-dropping visuals, world class puppetry and exquisite stagecraft, the Broadway and West End sensation *Life of Pi* creates a visually breathtaking journey that will leave you filled with awe and joy.

### **About *Life of Pi*:**

The Tony and Olivier Award-winning hit *Life of Pi* is an unforgettable, epic tale of adventure. Lolita Chakrabarti's dazzling stage adaptation of Yann Martel's best-selling novel (over 15 million copies sold) is a worldwide phenomenon and "an exhilarating evening of theater" (*The Wall Street Journal*). The play directed by Max Webster opened to critical acclaim on Broadway and the West End and will continue to captivate audiences with its larger-than-life journey of perseverance and hope during its highly anticipated first North American tour.

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

Tickets to *Life of Pi* 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. For more information, including show content advisories, please visit [kcstarlight.com](http://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](mailto:groups@kcstarlight.com).

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.

### **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.

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