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Starlight Allocated \$3 Million in Tax Credits From State of Missouri for Uniquely KC Campaign



Eligible Missouri residents may contribute to Starlight and benefit with tax credits.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight, the oldest and largest continually operating performing arts venue in Kansas City, is pleased to share that the Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) has allocated \$3 million in tax credits to the historic theatre in Swope Park. These state-authorized tax incentives are designed to support economic development, public infrastructure, and community projects in Missouri by encouraging private contributions and investments. Starlight will utilize these tax credits as the final funding for Starlight's Uniquely KC capital campaign.

Starlight has a limited number of 50% Missouri tax credits available through April 2026. Donors with Missouri tax liability who would like to make a new contribution to Starlight's capital campaign are eligible to receive these tax credits in support of Starlight.

"The MDFB tax credits represent more than a financing tool—they're a powerful way for our community to actively invest in Starlight's future while receiving meaningful tax benefits," Lindsey Rood-Clifford, Starlight's President + C.E.O., said. "In the final stretch of our Uniquely KC Capital Campaign, these credits allow patrons to support vital improvements to our theatre and make it easier to give in a way that aligns both generosity and impact."

Potential donors interested in receiving tax credits should first contact Andrew Lang, Vice President of Philanthropy, at (816) 997-1129 or andrew.lang@kcstarlight.com to confirm interest and availability of tax credits.

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The Uniquely KC campaign aims to make capital improvements across the entire Starlight campus, including construction of a new robust production truss and light bridge for enhanced production capabilities. Additionally, a new state-of-the-art seating canopy will provide shade to approximately 3,200 seats to allow for summer Broadway matinee programming, and open opportunities for other community events and partnerships.

The campaign has already allowed Starlight to successfully launch or enhance five community programs, designed to fill gaps in important arts programming across Kansas City and make the Starlight experience more accessible to all generations. New programs include a free residency program for elementary schools to produce their first musical; a performance series for young audiences and families; a technical theatre training program for students; an Arts Bridge program that will activate Starlight's historic facilities through community partnerships; as well as an expansion of Starlight's existing community tickets program to reduce barriers to participation.

Development partners include GastingerWalker& and JE Dunn Construction. For renderings and more information about Uniquely KC, visit www.kcstarlight.com/uniquelykc.

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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