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Tony Award-Winning Best Musical *Hadestown* Opens Starlight's 75th Broadway Season



Hadestown will play June 9 - 14 as part of the 2026 AdventHealth Broadway Series.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight Theatre is excited to open its 75th Broadway season with *Hadestown*, the winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards® and the 2020 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Theater Album. *Hadestown* will play June 9 -14 at the historic outdoor theatre as part of the 2026 AdventHealth Broadway Series. Tickets start at under \$19 each and are available online at kcstarlight.com, by calling (816) 363-7827, or by visiting the ticket office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City, Mo., 64132.

Welcome to *Hadestown*, where a song can change your fate. This acclaimed new show from celebrated singer-songwriter Anais 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.

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"*Hadestown* is a story of love and sacrifice, but it is also a story about resilience, trust, and the courage it takes to keep choosing hope, especially when the road ahead is uncertain," Lindsey Rood-Clifford, President + C.E.O. of Starlight, said. "At Starlight, we believe shared experiences can do more than entertain us. They can move us, challenge us, connect us, and remind us that we are not walking through this world alone. *Hadestown* does all of that, and it does it with music that stays with you long after the final curtain."

Make it a night out by enjoying a sit-down dining experience in the Applause Club or come early and grab a drink on the Encore Deck. Starlight offers a wide variety of concessions, from burgers and nachos to salads and pasta bowls.

About the Creative Team:

The acclaimed new musical is by celebrated singer-songwriter and Tony Award® winner Anaïs Mitchell and developed with original director and Tony Award® winner Rachel Chavkin. *Hadestown* marks the first time in over a decade that a woman has been the solo author of a musical: writing the music, lyrics, and book, and is the fourth time in Broadway history a woman has accomplished this creative feat.

About the Production:

Hadestown electrified audiences with its 2016 world premiere at New York Theatre Workshop, which is the longest-running show in that celebrated theater's 40-year history. The production then received its Canadian premiere at Edmonton's Citadel Theatre in 2017 and then a 2018 sold-out engagement at the London's National Theatre. *Hadestown* was developed with funding from the Eli and Edythe Broad Stage at the Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center and was further developed by The Ground Floor at Berkeley Repertory Theatre. *Hadestown* was co-conceived by Ben t. Matchstick.

The Grammy® winning *Hadestown* Original Broadway Cast Recording is now available at [Hadestown.com/music](https://www.hadestown.com/music). The album is produced by David Lai, Sickafoose, and Mitchell on Sing It Again Records.

How to Purchase Tickets:

Tickets to all shows, including *Hadestown*, are on sale now and available online at [kcstarlight.com](https://www.kcstarlight.com), by calling (816) 363-7827, or by visiting the ticket office at 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City Mo., 64132. Season ticket packages are still available and include the best price on tickets, plus exclusive benefits like free premium parking, a "weatherproof" season, dining discounts, and much more. For more information, including show content advisories, please visit [kcstarlight.com](https://www.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](https://www.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.

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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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