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Starlight to Reveal the Nominations for the 21st Annual Blue Star Awards



Keeping in tradition, Starlight will reveal the nominations for the 21st Annual Blue Star Awards via in-school presentations.

NAME OF EVENT: Blue Star Awards Nomination Delivery Day

EVENT DESCRIPTION: Each year, thousands of high school students across the Kansas City metro wait in anticipation for the revelation of the annual Blue Star Awards nominations. In the 2022-23 Blue Star Awards season, 54 schools and more than 4,000 metro students participated, making the program one of the largest and most respected high school musical awards shows in the nation.

LOCATION & TIME: All presentations will take place **Thursday, April 20**. See below for more information, including presentation times and presenters.

- **Location:** Olathe East High School, 22 nominations
- **Presenter:** Alex Jones, Starlight's V.P. of Community Engagement
- **Time:** 7:30 a.m.

- **Location:** Truman High School, 9 nominations
- **Presenter:** Erin Olm-Shipman, Starlight Philanthropy
- **Time:** 10:30 a.m.

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- **Location: Park Hill High School, 9 nominations**
- **Presenter:** Andy Pierce + Katie McKernan, Starlight Community Engagement
- **Time:** 11:15 a.m.

- **Location: Central High School, 5 nominations**
- **Presenter:** Caroline Gibel, Starlight Programming
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m.

- **Location: Olathe West High School, 12 nominations**
- **Presenter:** Alex Jones, Starlight's V.P. of Community Engagement
- **Time:** 1:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Modeled after Broadway's Tony Awards®, Starlight's annual Blue Star Awards recognize achievement and excellence in musical theatre among Kansas City area high school students.

Established in 2003, the program is one of the largest and most admired high school musical theatre awards programs in the nation. All high schools in metropolitan Kansas City and selected outlying communities are invited to participate. Each year the program serves thousands of area students who contribute either on the stage or behind the scenes to their schools' musical theatre productions.

The annual Blue Star Awards Ceremony will take place Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Starlight Theatre. Tickets are free but reservations are required. To reserve tickets, visit kcstarlight.com or call the box office at (816) 363-7827. There will be limited concessions available for purchase.

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 classes, scholarships, and one of the largest 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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