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Tony Award®-Winning Musical *Tootsie* to Open Starlight's 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series



Tootsie was the 2019 Tony Award Winner for Best Book of a Musical and plays under the stars as part of the 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Starlight is proud to present the Tony Award®-Winning Musical *Tootsie* to open the 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series at Starlight Theatre May 19-21. 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. *Tootsie* is sponsored by US Bank.

"*Tootsie* is simply a fun, feel-good musical that will set the tone for our 73rd summer under the stars," Lindsey Rood-Clifford, President + C.E.O. of Starlight, said. "The creative team updated the 1982 film for a modern day, and overwhelmingly audiences leave the theatre having had a fantastic time. There's no better way to kick off the season."

About the Show

Call it "musical comedy heaven" (*Rolling Stone*). Call it "the most uproarious new musical in years!" (*The Hollywood Reporter*). Call it *Tootsie!* This laugh-out-loud love letter to the theater tells the story of Michael Dorsey, a talented but difficult actor who struggles to find work until one show-stopping act of desperation lands him the role of a lifetime. Featuring a hilarious Tony®-winning book by Robert Horn and an outrageously clever score by 2018 Tony-winner David Yazbek (*The Band's Visit*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*), this *New York Times* Critic's Pick is "a joyful delight" (*The Washington Post*) that's "so packed with punchlines, it should be called a jokebox musical!" (*Bloomberg*). "In these turbulent times, when the world seems out of balance, we need a place to let the good times roll,"

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raves *Rolling Stone*. “*Tootsie* is it!”

About the Team

The creative team for *Tootsie* includes director Dave Solomon (Broadway associate director), Broadway choreography by Denis Jones, associate choreographer Chip Abbott. The design team for *Tootsie* includes original scenic designer David Rockwell, tour scenic designer Christine Peters, costume designer William Ivey Long, associate costume designer Christopher Vergara, lighting designer Donald Holder, associate lighting designers Vivien Leone & Coby Chasman-Beck and assistant lighting designer Colleen Doherty, sound designer Brian Ronan, associate sound designer Cody Spencer, hair and wig design by Paul Huntley, assistant hair and wig designer Loryn Pretorius. make-up design by Angelina Avallone. Casting is by Binder Casting, Chad Murnane CSA. Supervising Music Supervisor Andrea Grody, Music Supervision by Dean Sharenow, vocal & incidental arrangements by Andrea Grody, dance arrangements by David Chase, orchestrations by Simon Hale, and music coordination by Talitha Fehr.

About this Production

Tootsie is based on the story by Don McGuire and Larry Gelbart and the Columbia Pictures Motion Picture produced by Punch Productions and starring Dustin Hoffman. This production of *Tootsie* was licensed by Music Theatre International. The National Tour of *Tootsie* is produced and managed by TROIKA Entertainment.

How to Purchase

Tickets to *Tootsie* 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 considerations, please visit kcstarlight.com. Season tickets are still available and include additional benefits like free parking, a “weatherproof” season, and more.

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 2023 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 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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