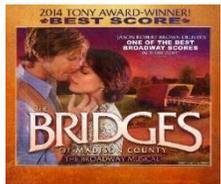


MATILDA THE MUSICAL

May 24-28

TIME Magazine's #1 Show of the Year and winner of four Tony Awards®! Based on the beloved novel by best-selling author Roald Dahl, *Matilda The Musical* is the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her destiny. *Suitable for most audiences*



THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

June 14-19

This unforgettable story of two people caught between decision and desire is one of the most romantic stories ever written. The chance encounter of Iowa housewife Francesca Johnson and traveling photographer Robert Kincaid is set to a soulful, Tony Award-winning score. *Contains adult subject matter*



BULLETS OVER BROADWAY

June 28-July 3

Written by Woody Allen, *Bullets Over Broadway* is the story of a young playwright who accepts a financial offer he can't refuse – from a mobster out to please his showgirl girlfriend. This musical comedy brims with big laughs, colorful characters and songs that made the '20s roar! *Suitable for most audiences*



DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

July 13-19

The classic musical tale of Belle and the Beast, told with eye-popping spectacle, has won the hearts of more than 35 million people worldwide. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he and his household will be transformed to their former selves. *Suitable for all audiences*



IF/THEN

July 26-31

Following one woman's two possible life paths, *If/Then* paints a moving portrait of the lives we lead – and the lives we might have led. This contemporary musical features unforgettable songs and a story by the creators of *Next to Normal* and the producer of *Wicked*. *Contains adult language and subject matter*

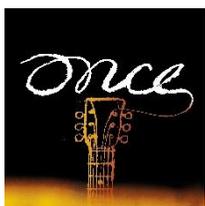


A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE & MURDER

Aug. 9-14

Getting away with murder can be so much fun! This hilarious hit won the 2014 Tony Award for Best Musical. Monty Navarro sets out to eliminate the eight pesky relatives who stand between him and the family fortune – and he'll be done in time for tea. *Suitable for most audiences*

PLUS WEEKEND SPECIALS



ONCE

May 20-22

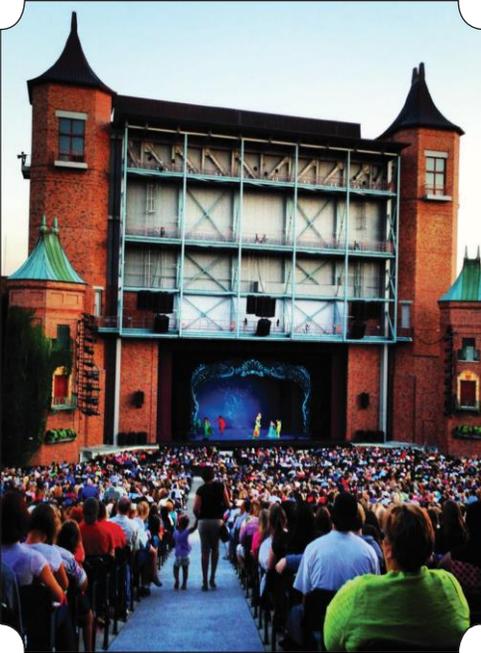
Winner of eight Tony Awards, *ONCE* follows a Dublin street musician and the woman who takes an interest in his haunting love songs. *Contains adult language*



THE RAT PACK IS BACK

Sept. 9-11

This spirited show recreates the free-wheeling Las Vegas nightclub act of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Dean Martin. *Suitable for most audiences*



Starlight Theatre is a Kansas City Treasure

Starlight Theatre, the largest and oldest performing arts organization in Kansas City and the second-largest outdoor producing theatre in the country, opened as a theatre in 1950 and as a not-for-profit organization in 1951. Starlight presents and produces Broadway musicals and concerts. It also offers extensive community outreach and educational programming, including classes, scholarships and Starlight's Blue Star Awards, the nation's second-largest musical theatre award program for local high schools and students. Each Broadway season, Starlight also donates more than 11,000 tickets to its performances to regional not-for-profit organizations that serve the disadvantaged.

While assuming all annual operating costs for the complex, the Starlight organization also raises funds for capital improvements and a variety of programs, including national Broadway musical performances, concerts, community outreach and education. Since 2000, Starlight has contributed more than \$25 million of privately funded improvements to the city-owned theatre.

Starlight Wins Local, National and International Awards

2013 Venue Excellence Award - International Association of Venue Managers

2015 Certificate of Excellence Winner – Trip Advisor

Best of KC 2015 - Best Live Theatre & Best Outdoor Music Venue – The Pitch

KC Visitor's Choice Favorite Performing Arts Group/Organization 2014 – Visit KC

KC Visitor's Choice Favorite Live Music Venue 2014 – Visit KC

Best Performing Arts Venue 2012-2015 Silver Award, 2011 Gold Award – Ingram's magazine

Best Theatre 2011-2015 Silver Award - Ingram's magazine

A Brief History

Construction of Starlight Theatre began in December 1949. This landmark outdoor theatre opened in the summer of 1950 with the "Thrills of a Century" pageant gracing the stage in celebration of the City of Kansas City, Missouri's Centennial. The Starlight Theatre Association was formed that same year and began programming and operating the theatre in 1951. *Desert Song* opened Starlight's inaugural season.

In the early years, Starlight's season consisted of 10 shows that included a mix of operettas, light opera and new musical comedies written for the Broadway stage. In recent years, the season has evolved to feature five or more Broadway-style shows, both self-produced and national tours. Contemporary concerts are a part of each summer season as well. Most recently, indoor performances in the winter months have been added to Starlight's schedule.

In the early 1980s, the stage was extended over the orchestra pit, bringing on-stage action closer to the audience. Today's 10-story, climate-controlled Jeannette and Jerome Cohen Community Stage opened in 2000. The \$10.5 million stage enables Starlight to host nationally touring mega-hits. Recent additions to Starlight, thanks to a successful capital campaign, include indoor rehearsal halls, a gift shop, expanded concessions and restrooms, and an administrative office building. The theatre seats nearly 8,000 and is located on 16 acres in Swope Park.

