Starlight Stars 2020 Program Overview

The Starlight Stars program is structured to develop and hone the skills of high school performers. Since 2003, this educational program has prepared company members to pursue arts careers, with alumni performing across the country and abroad. Selected students:

- Strengthen their resumes
- Cultivate skills
- Network with industry professionals
- Gain experience in a variety of performance styles
- Are eligible to audition for Starlight productions
- Become part of the Starlight community

The program’s activities take place throughout the summer, with additional fall and winter opportunities. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, this summer’s program activities will take place virtually initially and in-person, once it is safe to do so. Company members receive access to master classes and industry-insider workshops.

AUDITIONS
Students in the Kansas City metro area in grades 8 through 11 during the 2019-2020 school year may audition. Auditions must be submitted online (instructions listed under the Auditions tab on our webpage) by Friday, May 22.

REHEARSALS
Initial Virtual Rehearsal Dates*:

- Mandatory Parent/Guardian Meeting - Saturday, June 6 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, June 8 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 9 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 11 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 12 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Because the Starlight Stars will create their summer performance in this short, intense window of time, conflicts during the above Initial Rehearsal Dates are non-negotiable. Additionally, given the online platform, students will need access to a webcam/microphone to participate in the sessions. A computer or laptop is preferred, but a cell phone can work.

Continuing Rehearsal Dates*:

- Monday, June 15 – 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 22 – 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 29 – 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 6 – 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 13 – 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 20 – 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 27 – 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Continuing rehearsal dates will remain virtual until we are able to transition into an in-person format. Given our anticipated troupe size, that will likely occur in mid- to late July. As these are brush-up rehearsal sessions, they may end early or be cancelled, depending upon the students’ progress with the material.
STARLIGHT STARS PERFORMANCE ELEMENTS
As part of the program, the Starlight Stars will help to create a group performance that is suited to our online method of instruction. This cabaret approach to material will allow students to work on large- and small-group elements online. Then, when we are able to bring students to Starlight, the elements will be staged and refined in-person. The performance piece will be recorded so Stars can share their work with friends and families.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
Master classes with cast members from Starlight’s Broadway season will be scheduled throughout the summer. The days/times of the below sessions are yet to be finalized with the tours, but below is our requested schedule.

- “Escape to Margaritaville” – Wednesday, July 22 – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- “Godspell” – Date TBD
- “My Fair Lady” – Saturday, September 12 – noon to 1:30 p.m.

Stars will also have the opportunity to participate in virtual master classes and career development sessions with industry professionals. Dates, times and requirements for each session will be sent at a later date. Participation in these training opportunities is optional.

OPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES
Starlight Theatre Gala:
The Starlight Stars may be invited to perform as part of Starlight’s Gala on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Their participation will be dependent upon final event needs. Participation will be optional, with students being notified as early as possible. Rehearsal details will be finalized closer to the event and communicated prior to asking for a commitment.

Holiday Medley Performances:
Members of the Starlight Stars and Starlight Stars of Tomorrow will have the option to participate in November/December holiday performances (6 to 8 anticipated). Participants will be required to “opt in” by Tuesday, September 1. A 15-minute holiday medley will be performed throughout Kansas City (gathering size permitted) at venues like Union Station, Worlds of Fun and Crown Center. For those participants not opting in, the “holiday medley” rehearsals listed on this document will not be required. Holiday medley rehearsals are:

- Sunday, October 18 – 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 8 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 15 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

COST
For those selected, the cost of the Starlight Stars is $300.