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Holiday fun begins in Shawnee Mission Park with 'Honk'

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Courtesy of Theater in the Park

family friendly Fourth of July evening, consider Shawnee Mission Park's [Theater](#) in the Park, an outdoor amphitheater that produces high-quality community theater based musicals during the summer season, where "Honk!," the musical adaptation of the children's story, "The Ugly Duckling" begins at 8:30 p.m.

Theater in the Park generally provides a show

targeted toward younger audiences for the Fourth of July. This year, director Greg Shaw, chose to produce “Honk!,” A show that played London’s West End and one several Olivier awards but never played Broadway or found equal success yet on the American stage.

The show, he said, is very family friendly and teaches lessons about outward appearances and growing up. The overall message of the story is one of acceptance and tolerance. “

Honk! is a musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story "The Ugly Duckling," incorporating a message of tolerance. The book and lyrics are by Anthony Drewe and music is by George Stiles (of the British songwriting duo Stiles and Drewe),” according to Wikipedia.

Theater in the Park encourages families to bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnics, snacks, and coolers (no alcohol) to the outdoor venue. Gates open at 6 p.m. to allow plenty of time before the show begins.

Concessions are available at the park as well as box lunches that may be ordered when purchasing tickets online at

www.theatreinthepark.org

As a special July 4 celebration, Tim Bair, executive director of Theatre in the Park said, “There will not be fireworks at TTIP, but there will be blow up bounce house, a blow up obstacle course, a blow up slide, face painters, and balloon artists. The first 500 through gates gets a free hotdog and lemonade... and, of course, “Honk!”

For more information and ticket purchase, go to

the theatre's website where you can also order box picnics, rent lawn chairs, and plan your evening. www.theatreinthepark.org



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