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Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. returns to COCA

The 2009-2010 COCA Family Theatre Series
presents

Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.

WHO/WHAT: COCA presents *Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.*

The 2009-2010 COCA Family Theatre Series showcases eight acclaimed productions from October 2009 through March 2010. The Series is a much-loved St. Louis institution, with world-class theatre, music, and dance presented in an intimate setting. This season's lineup boasts Grammy and Emmy Award-winners, and a Tony Award nominee, and continues the tradition of having a strong literary component.

October 23-25, *Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.* returns to the COCA Family Theatre Series as an audience favorite. Fred Garbo and ballerina Daielma Santos inflate themselves and their surroundings to create an energetic, colorful fantasy world that is like nothing you have ever seen before! Theatre, dance, comedy, and amazing props are incorporated in this larger-than-life production.

Based in Maine, Garbo has appeared on stage and television throughout the world. Garbo has been a professional performer since 1972, appearing on *Sesame Street* as the acrobat inside Barkley the Dog, touring Europe with the award-winning *Foolfire*, and juggling on Broadway in the musical *Barnum*. Joined by ballerina Daielma Santos, Garbo founded Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. almost 18 years ago.

WHEN: *Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.*

Friday, Oct. 23 - 7:00p

Saturday, Oct. 24 - 3:00p & 5:00p

Sunday, Oct. 25 - 1:30p & 3:30p

WHERE: Founders' Theatre at COCA, 524 Trinity Avenue, just off the Delmar Loop in U. City

COST: Tickets are available for Regular seats (\$14-\$18) and Best seats (\$18-\$22). For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the COCA Box Office at (314) 725-1834, ext. 124. After September 1, tickets will be available for purchase from the COCA website (www.COCAstl.org).

PHOTOS: **High-resolution photos** are available upon request by contacting Lori Otta at lotta@COCAstl.org or calling 314.725.1834 x137.

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Founded in 1986, COCA's mission is to enrich lives and build community through the arts. Programs include the COCA Family Theatre Series, presenting nationally recognized artists in its 400-seat theatre; educational classes, camps, and workshops in dance, music, drama, and visual arts for all ages; and contemporary art exhibits in the Millstone Gallery. COCA's award-winning outreach program, Urban Arts, provides free arts education to low-income students throughout St. Louis. For more information about COCA, please visit www.COCAstl.org.

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