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Announcing:

**2015-2016
COCA Presents
Season**

Subscriptions Now On Sale

(ST. LOUIS, MO) – COCA is pleased to announce its *COCA Presents* 2015-2016 season. *COCA Presents* is COCA's performance series featuring bold, cross-disciplinary productions created and produced by COCA, as well as the best touring productions from around the world.

The 2015-2016 season, which opens October 2 with the world premiere of *wUNDERland* from acclaimed choreographer Anthony "Redd" Williams, is comprised of 7 dynamic shows totaling 35 performances. Subscriptions in packages of four and six shows are now available. Other exciting new additions include Vancouver's Presentation House Theatre's *Where the Wild Things Are*, the only theatrical production that is endorsed by the Maurice Sendak estate, and an upbeat musical featuring the music of Bob Marley, *Three Little Birds*, by the acclaimed children's theatre company Adventure Theatre.

"We are excited to offer both reimagined COCA classics and a whole new menu of theatrical offerings this year that will ignite audiences' imaginations," said Shawna Flanigan, COCA's Director of Arts Education. "This season offers a plethora of fresh opportunities to enjoy creative productions from across the country as well as those crafted right here at home with your family."

WHAT: COCA Presents 2015-2016, presented by Wells Fargo Advisors

WHERE: COCA, 524 Trinity Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130

WHEN: October 2015-April 2016

PRICES: Subscription packages (Take 6 and Take 4) are currently on sale. Subscribe in person at COCA during box office hours, by phone at 314.561.4877 or online at <http://bit.ly/CPsubscriptions>. Single tickets for all shows go on sale on Tuesday, August 26, 2015.

PHOTOS: High-resolution photos available upon request to Lauren Varel at lvarel@cocastl.org.

THE SEASON:

***wUNDERland*
COCA World Premiere
October 2-11, 2015**

Fridays at 7:00pm, Saturdays at 5:00pm, and Sundays at 1:00 & 4:00pm

Fall down the rabbit hole with this original dance production, created and choreographed by Anthony "Redd" Williams, that puts a hip-hop spin on Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Experience the classic upside-down fantasy world through a whole new lens with dazzling costumes and cutting-edge choreography, led by the larger-than-life Mad Hatter and many more lovable, whimsical characters. All ages.

Superman 2050
Theater Unspeakable
November 14-15, 2015

Saturday at 2:00 & 5:00pm, Sunday at 1:00 & 4:00pm

Epic story, pocket-sized proportions—seven actors share one tiny platform (just 3-by-7 feet of space!) and upon it an original Superman tale unfolds. Set in a fictional 2050 Metropolis with a remarkable resemblance to Chicago, this Theatre Unspeakable production highlights imaginative, resourceful cast members who use only their bodies and voices to create every prop, scene, sound effect and character in a battle between Superman and Lex Luthor.

Recommended for ages 7 and up.

The Little Dancer: Moved by the Masters
COCA's Ballet Eclectica

December 11-13, 2015

Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday at 2:00 & 5:00pm, Sunday at 1:00pm

The COCA holiday tradition returns! COCA's Ballet Eclectica presents the tale of Degas' famous statuette that comes to life and finds herself dancing through various works of art. This year, be inspired by the great works of the consummate masters—from choreographers, to painters, to composers. *The Little Dancer* is graciously supported by Mary Strauss.

All ages.

Perpetual Motion
COCAdance and COCA Hip-Hop Crew
January 9-10, 2016

Saturday at 2:00 & 5:00pm, Sunday at 1:00 & 4:00pm

The new year kicks off with a fast-paced dance concert that will have audiences grooving. Following in the popular tradition of *In the Loop*, the talented members of COCAdance and COCA Hip-Hop crew present a mix of cutting-edge hip-hop and contemporary dance across a broad range of styles.

All ages.

Continuing the Legacy
COCAdance
February 5-6, 2016

Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday at 5:00pm

This incredibly moving performance uses dance, music and vivid photography as vehicles to take audience members on a powerful journey through black history—from slavery to the jazz era, through the civil rights movements, to modern times. Conceived and directed by COCA Alumnus Christopher Page, *Continuing the Legacy* evolves each year to incorporate current events and help audience members see, hear and feel the story of African Americans throughout history.

Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Three Little Birds
Adventure Theatre
February 20-21, 2016

Saturday at 2:00 & 5:00pm, Sunday at 1:00 & 4:00pm

Based on the known and loved reggae music of Bob Marley, join the fun of this musical, which has been adapted from the children's book *Three Little Birds* by Cedella Marley. An empowering tale about triumph over anxiety, the musical's young protagonist, Ziggy, must find a way to leave the house despite a fear of hurricanes, mongooses and other things in his native Jamaica. Music and lyrics by Bob Marley himself, mon.

Recommended for ages 4 and up.

Where the Wild Things Are
Presentation House Theatre

April 7-10, 2016

Thursday at 11:00am & 6:00pm, Friday at 11:00am & 6:00pm, Saturday at 11:00am, 2:00 & 5:00pm,
Sunday at 1:00 & 4:00pm

This award-winning, internationally-acclaimed production of *Where the Wild Things Are* by Vancouver's Presentation House Theatre will have you sailing along with the characters of the beloved Maurice Sendak classic. This intimate and interactive "guided play" experience invites the audience on stage to help transform Max's bedroom into the various landscapes of his adventures, ending with a Wild Rumpus in which the audience becomes Wild Things themselves.

Recommended for ages 3 and up.

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COCA-Center of Creative Arts is a non-profit community arts center with a mission to enrich lives and build community through the arts. COCA connects our community to the arts through programs that emphasize social and artistic diversity, economic and cultural accessibility, hands-on experience of the artistic process, and the highest quality in our faculty. Founded in 1986, COCA is a national leader in innovative community arts education. COCA annually serves more than 50,000 area residents of all ages through multidisciplinary, multi-cultural arts programs that include educational classes, camps and workshops, both on-site and in community venues; COCAbiz; COCAedu; COCA Presents; and exhibitions of contemporary art in the Millstone Gallery.