

C O C A 22
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Improv Troupe Fall Performance

SUN, NOV 20, 2022 | 2:00PM

Join us for a night of laughter, as COCA's Improv Troupe shows off everything they have learned this semester. The Fall Performance showcases a variety of improv games and scenes. Hosting the night is Improv Troupe Director Ed Reggi.

Runtime: 1 hour

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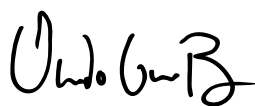


Artistic Directors' Note

Dear COCA Community,

Welcome to the 2022–2023 COCApresents Season. Reemergence was at the center of our season last year; and now, we are excited to welcome audiences back to explore the boundless talent and potential that is cultivated right here at COCA. Under the guidance of local and international creatives, our season showcases a collection of new work, reimagined COCA classics, and captivating stories that will challenge both our students and audiences alike. This year, we are honored to have several community partners—The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, The Black Rep, and The Big Muddy Dance Company—highlighting the work of professional artists and inspiring our students to follow their dreams. We invite you to immerse yourself in our season of boundless creativity and the unique and vital artistic community that is nurtured and molded at COCA.

Sincerely,



Orlando Graves Bolaños
Senior Director of
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Kirven Douthit-Boyd
Associate Director of Dance
Production & Artistic Director
of COCADance



Antonio Douthit-Boyd
Artistic Director
of Dance



Jennifer Wintzer
Artistic Director of
Theatre

Production Team

Director of Improv Troupe
Accompanist
Production Manager
Technical Director/Lighting Designer
Sound Board Operator

Ed Reggi
Darrell Barber
Carolyn Carter
Jayson Lawshee
Justin Foster

Artistic Team

Senior Director of Arts Programming
Artistic Director of Dance
Associate Director of Dance Production &
Artistic Director of COCA dance
Artistic Director of Hip-Hop Crew
Artistic Director of Theatre
Artistic Producer
Technical Director
Production Manager
Costume Manager
Costume Assistant
Dance & Pre-Professional Division Program Manager
Student Success Coordinator

Orlando Graves Bolaños
Antonio Douthit-Boyd
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Jennifer Wintzer
Cameron Tyler
Jayson Lawshee
Carolyn Carter
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Anna Drake
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Elisha Johnson
Mikayla Jordan
Abi Loiterstein
Cali Sera-Hand
Lily Shaumburg
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Louis Mallon
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Land Acknowledgements

Land acknowledgements help us honor a place's Indigenous people—past and present—and recognize the history that brought us to where we are today and the fact that our communities are in stolen lands. Here is COCA's Land Acknowledgement:

In alignment with our mission to enrich lives and build community through the arts, COCA chooses to learn about, come to terms with, and share the truth of Westward Expansion. COCA acknowledges its community spaces, studios, and theatre rest on the traditional lands of Native People, including the Illini Confederacy, Osage Nation and Missouri tribe. We acknowledge this land is stolen land and acquired through a history of violence. We honor these tribes now and the other tribes who made their homes in St. Louis before us. We encourage you to learn more about native communities and land where you live.

About COCA

COCA's mission is to enrich lives and build community through the arts. With a commitment to equity and access, COCA serves as a regional hub for learning in and through the arts for all ages from all backgrounds. One of the most diverse cultural institutions in St. Louis, COCA serves over 50,000 students, audience members, artists and families from over 220 zip codes across the St. Louis region every year. The fourth largest multi-disciplinary arts organization in the country, COCA is committed to supporting the vitality and creativity of over 200 artists at the heart of its work in schools, community centers, local business, cultural organizations, and on-site at its campus in University City.

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COCA Health & Safety Procedures

COCA's Health & Safety Procedures for theatre productions and public events are continually reviewed to ensure all protocols are in accordance with the latest public health recommendations.

Face masks are strongly recommended at COCA, not required.

We highly recommend that all patrons wear face masks, especially those who are unvaccinated and those who remain vulnerable to COVID-19.

The Little Dancer

MOMENTS IN TIME



DEC 8–11 | All Ages | Tickets at cocoatl.org

The Little Dancer, a beloved COCA holiday tradition, has been reimagined as The Little Dancer: Moments in Time, a full-length classical ballet performed by members of Ballet Eclectica. This brand-new production was conceptualized using stories from COCA's young artists to put an innovative spin on the well-known classic. Renowned choreographer Kevin Jenkins serves as Creative Director for The Little Dancer: Moments in Time.



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