



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### ***THE KID AT THE EDGE OF EVERYTHING* TELLS IMAGINATIVE ADVENTURE ABOUT FRIENDSHIP, APRIL 19 & 20**

**ST. LOUIS (March 5, 2024)**—With a cast of professional adults and COCA student actors, [\*The Kid at the Edge of Everything\*](#) brings an imaginative adventure about friendship to the COCA stage, April 19 & 20. Written by internationally acclaimed playwright Finegan Kruckemeyer, the play has been described as “Interstellar surrealism,” yet children will relate to the real-world struggles of the characters to find balance and connection.

**WHAT:** *The Kid at the Edge of Everything*  
12-year-old Simon lives an overwhelming and overscheduled life, but they really want to find a place where they can stop and think. At the same time, on the other side of the universe, The Kid at the Edge of Everything lives alone, bored, and isolated. Following a startling sequence of events involving “lots and lots of fireworks” and a rocket ship, their worlds collide changing the trajectory of the children’s lives forever. Recommended for elementary and middle schoolers, ages 7+.

*The Kid at the Edge of Everything* is directed by Shawna Flanigan, with scenic design by Shayna Patel, lighting design by Jayson Lawshee, projections design by Tyson Johnson, original music composed by Syrhea Conaway, and costume design by Cody Floyd.

Audience members are invited to purchase tickets for a special add-on experience, [Planets & Rocket Ships](#), to create a show-related mixed media art project led by COCA Teaching Artist Maria Ojascastro before or after the show.

**WHEN:** Friday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.\* & 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.\*\* & 7:00 p.m.

\*Schooltime Performance  
\*\*Audio Description provided by MindsEye Radio

**WHERE:** Catherine B. Berges Theatre at COCA  
6880 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63130

**AVAILABLE INTERVIEWS:** Shawna Flanigan, Director

**WEBSITE:** [cocastl.org/calendar/the-kid-at-the-edge-of-everything/](http://cocastl.org/calendar/the-kid-at-the-edge-of-everything/)

**SUPPORTERS:** Mary Strauss, COCApresents Season Presenting Sponsor  
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