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COCA'S JOYFUL VOCAL CONCERT CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAY SEASON & THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Allegro Vocal Company to Perform Concert Program Blending Holiday Favorites, Classic Choral Works, & Musical Theatre Favorites

ST. LOUIS (December 16, 2025)—Get ready for an unforgettable evening of song and celebration as COCA presents <u>Joyful</u> on December 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Catherine B. Berges Theatre at COCA. Featuring performances by COCA's premier vocal ensembles, Allegro Senior and Allegro Junior Vocal Companies, as well as guest artists from COCA's Vivo Adult Company, *Joyful* will lift the spirit and warm the heart this holiday season.

Joyful brings together the talent of COCA's young artists for a performance of traditional holiday favorites, classic choral works, and popular selections from the world of musical theatre. The program includes performances of "Jingle Jingle," "Dance of the Sugar Plum," "Carol of the Bells," and the much-loved audience favorite "Fruitcake."

"Working with our young artists has been a profound joy; their passion, courage, and creativity remind me every day why music matters," said Dr. Philip A. Woodmore, COCA Artistic Director of Voice. "As we prepare for the *Joyful* Winter Concert, I'm inspired by the way these vocalists work together and pour their hearts into the music. We are excited to share that joy with our community and celebrate the power of music to bring us together."

Tickets to *Joyful* are \$21 and may be purchased at <u>cocastl.org</u> or by contacting the COCA Box Office at 314.561.4873. Group ticket rate is available for groups of 10 or more. The performance is recommended for all ages.

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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 more than 65,000 students, audience members, artists, and families from more than 300 zip codes every year. The fourth largest multi-disciplinary arts organization in the country, COCA is committed to supporting the vitality and creativity of more than 200 artists at the heart of their work in schools, community centers, local business, cultural organizations, and onsite at its campus in University City.