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COCA'S IMPROV TROUPE DELIVERS INTERACTIVE IMPROV PERFORMANCE ON MAY 2

Pre-Professional Theatre Artists Perform Long- and Short-Form Comedy with Audience Participation

ST. LOUIS (April 27, 2026)—[COCA \(Center of Creative Arts\)](#)'s Pre-Professional Division Improv Troupe will showcase both long- and short-form improvisation, sketch comedy, and activities that involve audience participation for [Improv Troupe: COCA Ignites!](#) on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Staenberg Performance Lab at COCA.

Directed by Ed Reggi, a professional actor, teaching artist, and entertainer, Improv Troupe performs an unscripted evening of comedy, bringing scenes to life based on audience prompts and participation.

“Improv Troupe: COCA Ignites! is an evening of spontaneous fun and laughter. Members of COCA's Improv Troupe create characters, settings, and stories based on audience suggestions for this interactive performance—and that is what makes each performance special. The stories are developed by our cast in real time, and the audience gets to be part of the experience,” said Will Bonfiglio, Artistic Director of Theatre at COCA.

COCA's Improv Troupe is comprised of Pre-Professional artists, ages 10–18, who want rigorous training to prepare them for a professional career in theatre as well as for artists who want an intensive style of conservatory training. For more than 12 years, Improv Troupe has taught vital skills for every versatile actor, director, and writer.

Tickets to *Improv Troupe: COCA Ignites!* are \$18 and may be purchased at cocastl.org or by contacting the COCA Box Office at 314.561.4873.

- **Group Ticket Rate:** Discounted ticket rate available for groups of 10 or more.
- **Student Rush Tickets:** \$5 student tickets available in person at COCA's Box Office starting Monday, April 27, 2026.

The 2025–2026 COCApresents Season is presented by Amy, Sacha, and Gray Lefton and is supported by Caryl Sunshine, Kwame Building Group, Mercy, Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, Steward Family Foundation, and Herbert A. and Adrian W. Woods Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee.

ABOUT COCA

COCA's mission is *to enrich lives and build community through the arts*. For 40 years, COCA has served 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 businesses, cultural organizations, and onsite at its campus in University City.