



NEWS RELEASE

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COCA PRESENTS *MOMENTUM* THIS WEEKEND

Featuring work from nationally acclaimed choreographers, this high-energy dance concert will be held at Saint Louis University

(ST. LOUIS, MO) – This weekend COCA presents *Momentum*, a mix of cutting-edge hip-hop & contemporary dance across a broad range of styles. The production features members of COCA dance & the COCA Hip-Hop Crew, under the artistic direction of COCA's Co-Artistic Directors of Dance, Antonio and Kirven Douthit-Boyd, and the Artistic Director of the COCA Hip-Hop Crew, Anthony "Redd" Williams. The repertoire includes choreography from nationally acclaimed guest choreographers including: Ronald K. Brown, Norbert de la Cruz III, George Jones, Jr., and Madison Hicks.

WHAT: *Momentum*, featuring COCA dance & The COCA Hip-Hop Crew

WHERE: University Theatre in Xavier Hall on the Saint Louis University campus, 3733 West Pine Mall, one block east of Vandeventer Blvd. and one block south of Lindell Blvd.

WHEN: FRI, JAN 25 | 7:00PM
SAT, JAN 26 | 1:00PM & 5:00PM
SUN, JAN 27 | 1:00PM & 5:00PM

PRICES: \$14 - \$18 for single tickets. Tickets can be purchased in person at COCA during box office hours, by phone at 314.561.4877 or online.

PHOTOS: High-resolution photos available at: https://3h0wk28l0121u1mlr3h2fw6j-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Momentum600x400_preview.jpg

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UPCOMING COCA PRESENTS PERFORMANCES:

Emily Brown & The Thing

Tall Stories

SAT, MAR 9 | 11:00AM, 1:00PM & 5:00PM

SUN, MAR 10 | 1:00PM & 5:00PM

Tall Stories, an audience favorite from the United Kingdom, brings us a magical, musical show, based on the much-loved book by Cressida Cowell (*How to Train your Dragon*) and Neal Layton.

One evening, Emily Brown and her old grey rabbit Stanley hear a Thing crying outside their window. He just can't get to sleep. Emily Brown and Stanley set off on incredible adventures to help the Thing get some rest! Tall Stories has become internationally recognized for its exciting blend of storytelling theatre, original music and lots of laughs. Ages 3+.

Seedfolks

COCA Theatre Company

SAT, APR 13 | 1:00PM & 5:00PM

SUN, APR 14 | 1:00PM & 5:00PM

This “spoken musical” chronicles a diverse, immigrant community working together through struggles and triumphs. After a young Vietnamese girl plants beans in a vacant lot to connect with the memory of her father, she unintentionally creates a community garden which begins to bridge divides across her neighborhood. Ages 4+.

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COCAdance & The COCA Hip-Hop Crew

FRI, MAY 3 | 7:00PM

SAT, MAY 4 | 3:00PM

SUN, MAY 5 | 3:00PM

Featuring powerful, playful and poignant choreography from internationally acclaimed artists, COCA’s Dance Ensembles: Ballet Eclectica, COCAdance & the COCA Hip-Hop Crew, conclude their seasons and say farewell to graduating dancers as they perform one last time. Featuring choreography from guest artists Claudia Schreier, Artistic Director of NYC-based Claudia Schreier & Company, and choreographer and dancer Gemma Bond of American Ballet Theatre. Ages 5+.

Into the Woods

COCA Summer Musical

FRI, JUL 26 | 7:00PM

SAT, JUL 27 | 1:00PM & 5:00PM

The Brothers Grimm hit the stage with an epic fairytale about wishes, family and the choices we make. James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone’s favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, and relevant, piece. Ages 5+.

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About COCA

COCA-Center of Creative Arts is the 4th largest non-profit community arts center in the country and one of only 16 accredited by ACPAS. 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.