

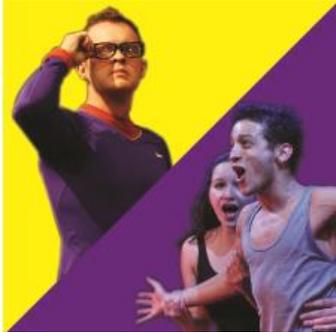


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## **Local Singers and Chicago Actors Take the Stage in November at COCA *Songs for a New World* *Superman 2050* November 6 & 7 and 14 & 15, 2015**

(ST. LOUIS, MO) – The students of the COCA Theatre Company (CTC) take the stage November 6 & 7, in Jason Robert Brown's *Songs for a New World*. COCA takes this pop-rock abstract musical to the next level by adding dynamic choreography alongside simple staging. This CTC production, led by Director Gregory Jenkins and Music Director Phil Woodmore, features 17 voices from all across the city. *Songs for a New World* has a cast representing eight high schools and three colleges throughout St. Louis. The popular musical tells the story of a world on the brink of change, much like ours here in St. Louis in 2015. The exquisitely crafted music alongside the fiery passion of the students for this piece creates an unstoppable force that will have audiences leaving energized and inspired.

“The story told in music is very moving and timely,” said Woodmore, who also leads COCA’s Allegro ensemble. “It’s complex, these singers have been working four nights a week to get it right and it will be fabulous.”

Just one week after *Songs for a New World*, COCA opens *Superman 2050* as a part of its annual COCA Presets series. In a pocket-sized production that *Time Out Chicago* praises as “a fastidiously executed, often hilarious work of physical theatre,” seven actors create an epic Superman adventure using only their bodies and voices. This special touring engagement from Theater Unspeakable in Chicago is a unique trip to a 2050 Metropolis for superhero lovers and theatre lovers alike.

### **COCA THEATRE COMPANY: SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD**

- WHAT:** COCA Theatre Company: *Songs for a New World*
- WHERE:** Founders’ Theatre at COCA, 524 Trinity Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130
- WHEN:** Friday, November 6, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Saturday, November 7, 2015 @ 5:00 PM
- PRICES:** \$10-\$12 at [www.cocastl.org](http://www.cocastl.org), by phone at 314.561.4877 or in person at COCA.

### **ABOUT COCA THEATRE COMPANY:**

The COCA Theatre Company enables young actors to perform in professional productions of thoughtfully selected plays and musicals, including the COCA Summer Musical. Guest directors, music directors, choreographers and

designers lead the creative teams, providing student cast members with opportunities to work with some of the top regional theatre professionals.

### **COCA PRESENTS 2015-2016: SUPERMAN 2050**

- WHAT:** COCA Presents: *Superman 2050*
- WHERE:** Founders' Theatre at COCA, 524 Trinity Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130
- WHEN:** Saturday, November 14, 2015 @ 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM  
Sunday, November 15, 2015 @ 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM
- PRICES:** \$14-\$18 at [www.cocastl.org](http://www.cocastl.org), by phone at 314.561.4877 or in person at COCA.
- PHOTOS:** High-resolution photo available at: <http://www.cocastl.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/media-cocapresents-superman.jpg?55afdc>

### **ABOUT COCA PRESENTS:**

COCA Presents is COCA's performance series featuring the quality family theatre for which COCA has been known for more than 25 years. Comprised of shows created and produced by COCA, as well as the best touring productions from around the world, the COCA Presents performance series offers bold, cross-disciplinary performances. COCA Presents 2015-2016 is made possible by Wells Fargo Advisors, with additional support provided by Mary Strauss, The Whitaker Foundation, Aetna, The Mary Ranken Jordan and Ettie A. Jordan Charitable Foundation, the Missouri Arts Council, The Cheshire, St. Louis Public Radio, the Arts & Education Council and the Regional Arts Commission.

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### **About COCA**

COCA-Center of Creative Arts is a non-profit community arts center 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.