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COCA Presents 2015-2016 *wUNDERland* October 2-11, 2015

(ST. LOUIS, MO) – COCA Presents *wUNDERland* in the Founders' Theatre October 2-4 and 9-11, 2015. Fall down the rabbit hole with this original dance production, created and choreographed by Anthony "Redd" Williams, that puts a hip-hop spin on Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Valiant Alex has lost control of his dream world *wUNDERland* to the Redd King, who has turned the world completely dark and imprisoned everyone under his evil rule. In order for Alex to restore *wUNDERland* to the beautiful place it once was, he will have to travel back to this mythical land and claim his rightful place as the creator and king of the land, with the help of a larger-than-life Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat and many more whimsical characters. Experience this classic upside-down fantasy world through a whole new lens with dazzling costumes, visual effects, contemporary music and cutting-edge hip-hop choreography. Just as *hip-hOZ* did before it, the original story of *wUNDERland* is sure to excite and electrify viewers.

Recommended for all ages. Approximate run time is 60 minutes.

- WHAT:** COCA Presents 2015-2016: *wUNDERland*
- WHERE:** Founders' Theatre at COCA, 524 Trinity Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130
- WHEN:** Friday, October 2 & 9, 2015 at 7:00pm; Saturday, October 3 & 10, 2015 at 5:00pm;
Sunday, October 4 & 11, 2015 at 1:00pm & 4:00pm
- PRICES:** \$16-\$20 at www.cocastl.org, by phone at 314.561.4877 or in person at COCA.
- PHOTOS:** High-resolution photos available at:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lzw23cna12jqoyn/AABSnJPA4LFoY6ckalyeCCQVa?dl=0>
- EVENTS:** On select performance dates, COCA is also hosting the following special *wUNDERland* events:
Friday, October 2- *wUNDERnight* in *wUNDERland*: Family Event for All Ages
Sunday, October 4- A *wUNDERland* Grandparents Event
Friday, October 9- *wUNDER* and Wine: A *wUNDERland* Party
For more information about these *wUNDERful* events, visit us at www.cocastl.org.

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.

ABOUT THE ARTISTIC

DIRECTOR:

Anthony “Redd” Williams brings significant performance, choreography and teaching experience to his craft. A St. Louis native, Redd Williams has traveled all over the world teaching thousands of students and bringing cutting-edge movement and choreography to the world of commercial hip-hop dance. He has performed and choreographed on tours and in music videos and television commercials for Lady Gaga, Beyoncé, J. Lo, Adidas, Starbucks Coffee, Disney Channel Games, Corbin Bleu, Mariah Carey, Nelly, and P. Diddy, just to name a few. Redd’s choreography has also been performed at the legendary Showtime at the Apollo in Harlem. Currently residing in St. Louis, he is the Artistic Director of the COCA Hip-Hop Crew, the first ever hip-hop company at COCA. As the Artistic Director of the RJDF Hip Hop Crew and managing his own company, Kode Redd, Redd Williams is leading the next generation of professional, commercial hip-hop dancers down the path of success.

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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.