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COCA EXPANDS SUMMER ARTS CAMPS PROGRAMMING TO SECOND LOCATION AT UHSP

UHSP Campus Increases Access to COCA's Successful Arts Camps in St. Louis City

ST. LOUIS (June 21, 2024)—This summer, [COCA](#), the fourth largest multidisciplinary community arts center in the U.S. and a leader in innovative arts education, expanded its arts programming to a second location at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy (UHSP). While COCA has previously offered programming at satellite locations, COCA's selection of a second location within St. Louis City limits highlights the organization's commitment to increasing arts accessibility within the region.

Eight weeks of COCA [Summer Arts Camps](#), providing 57 camps for more than 800 registrants, will be offered. To support the expansion of programming, COCA brought 46 employees, including 39 Teaching Artists and 21 new hires, to work onsite at its UHSP location.

"We are thrilled to expand our successful Summer Arts Camps to the UHSP campus. With a second location, we are increasing access to our creative arts programs for youth," said Indigo K. Sams, COCA President & CEO.

COCA's arts education programming delivers arts experiences to thousands of students throughout the St. Louis region each year. COCA Summer Arts Camps provide campers with the opportunity to learn and experience new things and build their skills. COCA camps at UHSP are available for ages 3–13 in singing, dancing, acting, visual art, filmmaking, and fashion.

"The University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy is well situated to provide walkable summer options for families working in the Central West End, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, Washington University School of Medicine, and Goldfarb School of Nursing—in addition to serving the employees of UHSP," said Janelle Velten, COCA Director of Community Programs. "UHSP's beautiful campus location enables more students to benefit from COCA's enriching arts experiences."

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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 50,000 students, audience members, artists, and families from more than 200 zip codes across the St. Louis region 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.