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GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING 123 ANDRÉS TO PERFORM AT COCA

Audiences to Enjoy High-Energy, Interactive Show in Spanish & English

ST. LOUIS (September 18, 2024)—Grammy award-winning <u>123 Andrés will perform two shows</u> at COCA – Center of Creative Arts on Saturday, September 28, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Music duo Andrés and Christina will get audiences dancing, singing, and learning with their catchy songs and lively performances.

This high-energy, joyful show celebrates the Latinx experience and incorporates Spanish and English. *123 Andrés* introduces a variety of musical instruments and styles from Central and South America, along with geography, social studies, and Spanish and ASL languages.

"We are delighted to present the Grammy award-winning performance group 123 Andrés. They are sure to get your whole family dancing in the aisles," said Shawna Flanigan, Senior Director of Artistic Strategy & Programs at COCA.

123 Andrés is known for their music, books, and podcasts for little language learners in Spanish and English. 123 Andrés performs for tens of thousands of children and families each year. Family concerts include hit songs from 123 Andrés' award-winning albums, such as *We Grow Together: Preschool Songs* (Grammy winner for Best Children's Album in 2024), *Actívate* (Grammy nominee for Best Children's Album in 2021), Canta las Letras (Latin Grammy nominee for Best Children's Album), *Arriba Abajo* (Latin Grammy winner for Best Children's Album in 2016), and *¡Uno, Dos, Tres con Andrés!* (Latin Grammy nominee for Best Children's Album in 2015). Their podcast with PBS Kids, Jamming on the Job, launched in fall 2023.

Audiences are also invited to participate in a free lobby reading of 123 Andrés books based on their songs at 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Tickets to *123 Andrés* are \$21 and may be purchased at <u>cocastl.org</u> or by contacting the COCA Box Office at 314.561.4873. The performance is recommended for ages 3 and older.

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 60,000 students, audience members, artists, and families from more than 250 zip codes every year. The fourth largest multi-disciplinary arts organization in the country, COCA is community centers, local business, cultural organizations, and onsite at its campus in University City.