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## CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH JOYFUL VOCAL CONCERT AT COCA

Concert Showcases Performances by Allegro Vocal Company, The St. Louis Children's Choirs, and Reverie

**ST. LOUIS (December 5, 2024)**—COCA's annual winter vocal concert, <u>Joyful</u>, celebrates the season in song with a variety of music performed by pre-professional artists in Allegro Vocal Company on Saturday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. Joyful will feature performances by The St. Louis Children's Choirs and local acappella quartet Reverie. From holiday favorites to traditional and pop concert style music, *Joyful* will captivate audiences of all ages.

"Joyful will showcase the versatility and outstanding talent of COCA's pre-professional artists as well as vocalists from two of COCA's artistic partners—The St. Louis Children's Choirs and Reverie," said Dr. Philip A. Woodmore, COCA's Artistic Director of Voice. "COCA is committed to educating and inspiring the next generation of vocalists, and together with our partners, we are fostering collaboration and working to build a larger voice community in the St. Louis region."

Allegro Vocal Company will perform holiday favorites like "Carol of the Bells," "A Marshmallow World," "Do You Hear What I Hear," among others. The interactive song "Cold Snap" will engage the audience with its humorous take on holiday colds. Allegro Vocal Company will continue their tradition of singing "Fruit Cake."

Tickets to *Joyful* are \$21 and may be purchased at <u>cocastl.org</u> or by contacting the COCA Box Office at 314.561.4873.

Following the concert, audiences are invited to join Dr. Woodmore and Allegro Vocal Company for a hot chocolate and holiday cookie reception. Tickets for the post-performance Winter Celebration are \$5 and may be purchased at <u>cocastl.org</u>.

The 2024–2025 COCApresents Season is presented by Leading Sponsors Amy, Sadie, and Sacha Lefton and Season Supporting Sponsor Mercy.

## **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.