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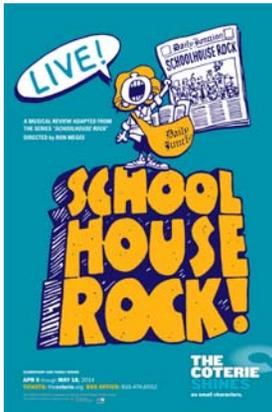
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PRESS RELEASE



**The Coterie Showcases
Pop Culture Phenomenon
Schoolhouse Rock Live!
in Family-Friendly and
Rowdy Sing-Along Editions**

OVERVIEW:

WHAT: ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!***

Based on ABC Television's Animated Series

Directed by Ron Megee

WHEN: **April 8 – May 18, 2014**

Press / Opening Night: Friday, April 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Rowdy Sing-Along edition begins Saturday, April 12, at 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Coterie, Level one of Crown Center Shops, Kansas City, Missouri

PRICE: \$10.00 for youth under 18, full-time students, and seniors age 60 and older;

\$15.00 for adults; Discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

\$12.00 for the Rowdy Sing-Along edition (for adults and teens 13 & older).

INFO / RESERVATIONS: The Coterie Box Office

Phone: (816) 474-6552

Online: www.thecoterie.org

Kansas City, MO – The Coterie presents the pop culture phenomenon, ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!***, on stage this spring. Based on the Emmy-award winning educational animated series that

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ran on ABC-TV throughout the '70s, '80s, and '90s, ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** is a lively musical revue that relives the magic of the original series by teaching history, grammar, math, science, and government through lovable characters and clever, tuneful songs. Directed by Ron Megee, ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** runs on the main stage at The Coterie April 8 - May 18, 2014.

ABOUT THE PLAY

Adapted from everyone's favorite Saturday morning cartoon series and directed by Kansas City's own master of merriment, Ron Megee, *Schoolhouse Rock* is back and better than ever in a live stage show that is instructing a whole new generation to "Unpack Your Adjectives" and meet up at "Conjunction Junction" to add some "Interjections!" When Mr. E., a school teacher in the not-too-distant future, takes his students on a fun field trip around the galaxy, they end up on a deserted planet filled discarded remnants of 20th century pop culture. ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** is a zany, fun-filled showcase for *Schoolhouse Rock's* greatest hits, such as "Just A Bill," "Interplanet Janet," "Sufferin' Till Suffrage," and "The Preamble."

Originally created by a Madison Avenue advertising executive whose son was having difficulty memorizing multiplication tables but could recall every word of popular rock songs, *Schoolhouse Rock* recruited a number of then-up-and-coming singer/songwriters to write and perform a series of infectious tunes that would not only entertain but also emphasize how much fun learning can be. The talent included Jazz legends Bob Dorough, Blossom Dearie, and Dave Frishberg, as well as future Broadway lyricist Lynn Ahrens, who later teamed with composer Stephen Flaherty to create several of Broadway's most revered musicals, including *Ragtime*, *Seussical & Once On This Island*, among many others. For those who spent many Saturday mornings of their youth singing "A Noun Is a Person, Place or Thing" or "Three is a Magic Number" in the middle of their living room, ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** will be a fun and nostalgic reminder of the songs they love. For younger audiences experiencing it for the first time, the show promises to be an entertaining journey into the world of learning - and proof as to why *Schoolhouse Rock* has become a modern-day classic.

The Coterie will present two versions of ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** A family-friendly edition, appropriate for all ages (elementary age through adult), will be performed at all daytime matinee performances April 8 – May 18. For adults and teens 13 years of age or older, The Coterie will also present a special Rowdy Sing-Along edition of ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** every Saturday

night at 9:00 p.m. The Coterie's production of ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** is funded in part by the Missouri Arts Council, Theater League, and the ArtsKC Fund.

ROWDY SING-ALONG EDITION

The Coterie will make Saturday night feel like Saturday morning again with a special "Rowdy Sing-Along edition" of ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** Presented as part of The Coterie Ignites PG-13 series intended for adults and teens 13 years of age or older, the Rowdy Sing-Along edition will be performed every Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. from April 12 – May 17. Audiences will "Unpack Your Adjectives" and scream out those "Injections!," as they join "Interplanet Janet" and the rest of the *Schoolhouse* cast for a musical trip around the universe – all while belting out all of *Schoolhouse Rock's* greatest hits. The Coterie encourages those attending the Rowdy Sing-Along to wear their PJ's and will reward those that do with a free bowl of cereal before the performance.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

The cast of *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* features Martin Buchanan (as Mr. E.), Emily Shackelford (as Dori), Francisco Javier Villegas (as George), Shelby Floyd (as Shulie), and Seth M. Jones (as Tom). The production team includes Ron Megee (director), Anthony Edwards (music director), Missy Koonce (choreographer), Sarah White (set designer), Art Kent (lighting designer), Georgianna Londré Buchanan (costume designer), Daniel Warneke (sound designer), Mary Nichols (properties designer), Scott Hobart (technical director/master carpenter), Bill Christie (production stage manager), and Chloe' N. Robbins-Anderson (production assistant).

SHOW DATES, TIMES & TICKETS

The Coterie, now in its 35th Season and named "One of the Five Best Theaters for Young Audiences in the U.S." by *TIME* magazine, will perform ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!*** April 8 – May 18, 2014, in The Coterie Theatre located on level one of Crown Center Shops in Kansas City, MO. Press Night will be held on Friday, April 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the family-friendly version of ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!***, performed during the days Tuesdays-Sundays, are \$10.00 for youth under 18, full-time students, and seniors age 60 and older, and \$15.00 for adults. Groups of 20 or more pay only \$5.50 per person for weekday performances or \$6.50 per person for weekend performances (with advance order). Tickets for the Rowdy Sing-Along edition of ***Schoolhouse Rock Live!***, performed each Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. for adults and teens 13 years of age or older, are \$12.00 for everyone. Groups of 10 or more may attend the Rowdy Sing-Along edition for only \$10.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased

by calling Coterie's box office at (816) 474-6552, dropping by the box office on level one of the Crown Center Shops, or by visiting www.thecoterie.org.

PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

APRIL 8 - MAY 18, 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		8 10 am	9 10 am 12 pm	10 10 am 12 pm	11 10 am 12 pm	12 2 pm 9 pm*
13 2 pm		15 10 am 12 pm	16 10 am 12 pm	17 10 am 12 pm	18 10 am 12 pm 7 pm	19 2 pm 9 pm*
		22 10 am 12 pm	23 10 am 12 pm	24 10 am 12 pm	25 10 am 12 pm 7 pm	26 2 pm 9 pm*
27 2 pm		29 10 am 12 pm	30 10 am 12 pm	1 10 am 12 pm	2 10 am 12 pm 7 pm	3 2 pm 9 pm*
4 2 pm		6 10 am 12 pm	7 10 am 12 pm	8 10 am 12 pm	9 10 am 12 pm 7 pm	10 2 pm 9 pm*
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Calendar Legend

*SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 9PM

IGNITES
PG-13 POP CULTURE SERIES
(for teens 13+ and adults)

 Opening Nights

 Interpreted performances
in American Sign Language

 Post-performance
Question and Answer session with the Company

 Post-performance
Improv Aftergame by the Culture Hacks

THE REMAINING 2013/2014 SEASON

Following *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*, The Coterie's 2013/2014 Season concludes with the premiere youth and family theatre version of the Broadway musical based on the popular film, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, June 17 - August 3, 2014.

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Due to the nature of live theatre, play selection, performance schedule and casting are subject to change.
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