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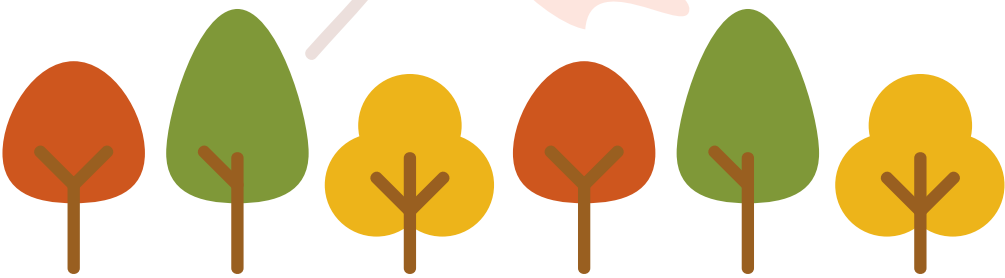
# FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL



**OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2023**

**THEATER, CIRCUS, ART,  
MUSIC, DANCE, LITERACY,  
CRAFTS AND MORE!**

**10am-4pm  
Grandel Square  
Grand Center Arts District  
St. Louis, MO**



## Metro Theater Fall Family Festival | Saturday, October 21, 2023

Time	Grandel Theater			Workshops in Other Spaces	Festival Area All Day Long
	Main Stage	Dark Room	Second Floor Ballroom		
10:00 a.m.			House Open		Registration
10:15 a.m.				House Open	
10:30 a.m.				Rock, Read and Believe! St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature (SLBACL)	Mural Painting Bread & Roses MO
10:45 a.m.			Maddi's Fridge Metro Theater Company		
11:00 a.m.		Zaro Weil Poetry Reading Alicia Revé Like, Sythea Conway		Book Signing SLBACL	MTC Merchandise Scavenger Hunt Simple Positive Play
11:15 a.m.					
11:30 a.m.	House Open				
11:45 a.m.			Instrument Petting Zoo Suzuki Harmony		
12:00 p.m.					
12:15 p.m.	Eddie & Vinnie Metro Theater Company	Story Time St. Louis Public Library			Classic 107.3
12:30 p.m.				Festival Area Meet the African Drum Adam Rago	
12:45 p.m.		Puppet Theater			
1:00 p.m.		Story Time St. Louis Public Library	House Open		Creative Reaction Lab
1:15 p.m.					
1:30 p.m.		Puppet Theater			
1:45 p.m.		Story Time St. Louis Public Library	Maddi's Fridge Metro Theater Company		Craft Making Contemporary Art Museum
2:00 p.m.		Puppet Theater			
2:15 p.m.					
2:30 p.m.	House Open				
2:45 p.m.					
3:00 p.m.					
3:15 p.m.	Eddie & Vinnie Metro Theater Company				
3:30 p.m.				Festival Area Juggling Workshop Kinetic Tapestry	
3:45 p.m.					

Musical Ancestries | Classic 107.3

Early Childhood | Early Elementary | Upper Elementary | Elemiddle | Middle | All Ages

## Metro Theater Fall Family Festival | Sunday, October 22, 2023

Time	Grandel Theater			Workshops in Festival Area	Festival Area All Day Long
	Main Stage	Dark Room	Second Floor Ballroom		
10:00 a.m.			House Open		Registration
10:15 a.m.				Dancing Classrooms	
10:30 a.m.					
10:45 a.m.		Story Time Moxie	Maddi's Fridge Metro Theater Company		Mural Painting Bread & Roses MO
11:00 a.m.					
11:15 a.m.					
11:30 a.m.	House Open			Dancing Classrooms	MTC Merchandise Scavenger Hunt Simple Positive Play
11:45 a.m.			Instrument Petting Zoo Suzuki Harmony		
12:00 p.m.					
12:15 p.m.	Eddie & Vinnie Metro Theater Company	Story Time Ready Readers			Classic 107.3
12:30 p.m.					
12:45 p.m.					
1:00 p.m.		Story Time Ready Readers	House Open		Creative Reaction Lab
1:15 p.m.					
1:30 p.m.		Story Time Ready Readers			
1:45 p.m.		Story Time Ready Readers	Maddi's Fridge Metro Theater Company		Craft Making Artists First
2:00 p.m.					
2:15 p.m.					
2:30 p.m.	House Open				
2:45 p.m.					
3:00 p.m.					
3:15 p.m.	Eddie & Vinnie Metro Theater Company	Story Telling Workshop Lynn Rubright		Juggling Workshop Kinetic Tapestry	
3:30 p.m.					
3:45 p.m.					

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# MTC FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL PROGRAMMING

## **Community Canvas Mural with Bread and Roses Missouri**

*Sat & Sun, all day*

Join teaching artists from Bread and Roses Missouri's Youth Initiative in the creation of a community mural honoring Metro Theater Company's 50 years serving St. Louis families! All ages are invited to grab a brush and paint a small section of the mural designed by B&R's Youth Programs Coordinator, Luisa Otero Prada.

## **Craft with Artists First**

*Sun, all day*

Create a hands-on craft with Artists First.

## **Paper Hand Puppet Craft with Contemporary Art Museum**

*Sat, all day*

Easily create your own paper hand puppet using colored paper, glue, scissors, and a little drawing.

## **Sticker Scavenger Hunt with Simple Positive Play**

*Sat & Sun, all day*

Simple Positive Play has designed a scavenger hunt to lead you to all of the great places available for entertainment and play at the festival. Please pick up the tools to get you started at Metro Theater Company's booth on the Midway, in front of the Grandel Theater. Be sure to return it when you've completed the hunt for a small prize!

## **Musical Ancestries listening station with Classic 107.3**

*Sat & Sun all day*

Musical Ancestries™ is a program designed to inspire school-aged children to explore their musical and cultural heritage.

Each episode features a children's radio story premiered on Classic 107.3. A Prezi presentation supplements the children's story to allow for a deeper delve into the music and culture by incorporating visual images, maps, audio and video clips, text, and hands-on activities in a user-friendly and engaging way.



# MTC FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL PROGRAMMING

## **Merengue & Swing Dancing Workshop with St. Louis Dancing Classrooms**

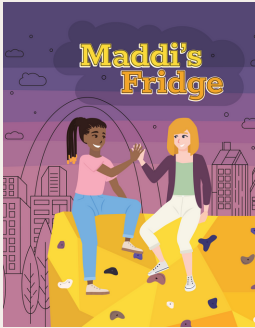
*Sun, 10:15am, 11:15am*

Grab a partner (or fly solo) and come learn the merengue and swing from SLDC instructors.

## **Rock, Read, and Believe! with St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature**

*Sat, 10:30am, Sun Theatre*

Rock, Read, and Believe with the St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature as they present a musical literacy review featuring hip hop artists Reaceyung, Robin Nicole, DJ Ruf 1; and six local picture book authors. Enjoy host Julius B. Anthony's special reading of *I Believe I Can* by Grace Beyers and experience the lively rhythmic performance of *Rock What You Got* by Aja La' Starr Owens. Families are sure to leave the theater believing in the power of words and joy!



## **MTC's *Maddi's Fridge*, by Anne Negri; Adapted from the Book by Lois Brandt with illustrations by Vin Vogel.**

*Sat & Sun, 10:30am & 1:30pm, Grandel  
Ballroom*

What if the only way to help a friend was to break a promise? Sofia and Maddi are best friends. They live in the same neighborhood, go to the same school, and play at the same rock-climbing gym. But when Sofia learns a secret about Maddi's family, she's faced with a difficult decision: to keep her promise or tell her parents about Maddi's empty fridge. With humor and heart, this play is sure to inspire conversations with your young people about honesty, sensitivity, empathy and helping others.

## **MTC Co-Founder Zaro Weil's Poetry Interpretation with Alicia Revé Like and Syrhea Conaway**

*Sat, 11:00am, Grandel Dark Room*

Underscoring with live music, Alicia Revé Like and Syrhea Conaway will delight audiences of all ages with their renditions of MTC co-founder Zaro Weil's original poetry for children.



# MTC FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL PROGRAMMING

## **Storytime with Moxie**

*Sun, 10:45 am, Grandel Dark Room*

Join Moxie for a special storytime!

## **Instrument Petting Zoo with Suzuki Harmony**

*Sat & Sun, 11:45am Grandel Ballroom*

Suzuki Harmony STL is offering an instrument petting zoo! Families are welcome to come try out instruments from the string family to hear what they sound like up close. Parent supervision is required.



## **MTC's *Eddie & Vinnie*, by Jenny Millinger**

*Sat & Sun, 12:00pm & 3:00pm, Grandel Theatre*

Eddie is an unstoppable artist with a uniquely beautiful mind – and his best friend is a gecko. Together, the pair spends hours making intricate and beautiful puzzles. But he'll be solving worse puzzles in summer school if he can't get his grades up. In a last-ditch effort, Eddie teams up with the overly helpful new girl

for the dreaded end-of-year report. Will their presentation on MC Escher save his grades? *Eddie & Vinnie* reminds us all that there is more than one way to learn – and more than one way to shine.

## **Storytime with St. Louis Public Library**

*Sat, 12:15pm, 1:00pm, 1:45pm, Grandel Dark Room*

St. Louis Public Library will be leading fun-filled story times with fun books, songs, and fingerplays! After the storytime, stick around and conduct your own puppet show with the SLPL Puppet Theatre set-up!

## **Storytime with Ready Readers**

*Sun, 12:15pm, 1:00pm, 1:45pm, Grandel Dark Room*

Sheila Oliveri of Ready Readers will be engaging children in interactive read-aloud storytimes during the festival. Ready Readers will also be distributing new and gently used books to families in attendance to ensure fun family story times at home.



# MTC FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL PROGRAMMING

## **Meet the West African Drum Family with Adam Rugo**

Sat, 12:30pm

Meet the family of West African drums! Have fun learning rhythms and culture with Adam Rugo (Board Certified Music Therapist) in this hands-on percussion experience!

## **Juggling Workshop with Kinetic Tapestry**

Sat & Sun, 3:15pm

Learn to juggle scarves and balls! Helps to build excellent hand-eye coordination, body control, balance and focus. No experience necessary.

## **MTC Co-Founder Storytelling with MTC Co-Founder Lynn Rubright**

Sun, 3:15pm, Grandel Dark Room

Lynn Rubright will present "Rosie's Walk" (by picture book author Pat Hutchins) demonstrating how to bring a story to life through call and response, echo, chant, and movement. For all ages, especially K - 3!



## **Cast of Maddi's Fridge:**

Sarah Lantsberger, DeAnté Bryant, and Gabrielle Watson Torres



## **Cast of Eddie & Vinnie:**

Rae Davis, Hailey Medrano, and Caleb D. Long.



# SAVE THE DATES

*Silent Nights* - A Virtual Silent Auction: December 4-8

After Dark 2024 - MTC Annual Gala: May 7

Summer Camps for grades Pre-K - High School: July 2024

For more information visit [Metroplays.org](http://Metroplays.org)

And Next Up at The Grandel Theatre:



A Year with  
**FROG  
&  
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February 7 - March 3



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Inspired by the intelligence and emotional wisdom of young people, we create professional theater, foster inclusive community, and nurture meaningful learning through the arts.

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Metro Theater Company is St. Louis' premier professional theater for youth and families and St. Louis' third-oldest professional theater company. Since 1973, Metro Theater Company has been creating productions that respect young people's intelligence, tell compelling stories, stimulate curiosity and provoke thoughtful reflection. The Company has reached a total audience of more than 2.5 million and has a national reputation for excellence in the field of professional theater for young audiences. Metro Theater Company has received major honors and awards, both locally and nationally. The Company is not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization and is a proud member of the Theatre Communications Group (the national service organization for non-profit professional theaters), Theatre for Young Audiences/USA (the U.S. chapter of the international association of theaters for young people), and Missouri Citizens for the Arts.





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