



The Couzins Family Reunion

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Juneteenth Fundraiser Press Release

Chicago, IL - On June 17th, The Annoyance Theatre in Lakeview will host a Juneteenth inspired "Family Reunion" fundraiser featuring an emerging theater collective called The Couzins. The event will also include a pre-and post-show mixer for the community. This event is family-friendly and welcomes all ages.

Tickets are available for purchase [online](#) and at the door for \$15 for adults and \$5 for children and all students. For those who cannot attend in person, a ticketed live stream of the event will be available for \$5.

The mission of the The Couzins is to spread Black joy to multigenerational audiences through short form, hip-prov comedy in the style of MTV's Nick Cannon Presents: Wild 'n Out. As a reminder, Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of remaining enslaved African Americans in Texas. It is a time to celebrate and support Black communities. In this spirit of multigenerational joy, The Couzins look forward to cultivating an afternoon of laughter, camaraderie, and community care.

"Our vision is a world where every individual has access to creative expression and an engaging learning environment through the transformative power of improvisation. Through short form, hip-prov comedy, we strive to promote unity, acceptance, and self-love in the BIPOC community. And in doing so, work to create a future in which

all people can experience personal growth, greater understanding, and positive societal change," said The Couzins' Creative Consultant Kayla Pulley.

"We are thrilled to be hosting this special event and to use our comedy to support Black communities for generations to come" says Terrance Lamonte, Jr - Artistic Director for The Couzins. "We hope that our performance will bring people together and help raise important funds for local organizations."

In addition to The Couzins comedy show, the Juneteenth Fundraiser will also feature a pre-and post-show mixer for the community. This is an opportunity for attendees to meet and connect with each other, while also supporting local organizations that benefit Black communities.

The pre-show mixer will begin at 1:30 pm and will allow attendees to enjoy refreshments and snacks while mingling with other guests. The post-show mixer will take place immediately after the show and will give guests the chance to continue the celebration and connect with others in the community.

"We want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to celebrate Juneteenth with us, whether they can attend in person or not," said Colette S. Gregory, CEO of The Couzins.

For more information about the Juneteenth Fundraiser, please visit The Annoyance Theatre website or contact the organizers directly.

Date: Saturday, June 17th, 2023

Time: *Pre Show* - 1:30 pm, *Showtime*: 2 pm

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$5 students <http://bit.ly/43Krmz3>

Donations via Venmo: @ThemCouzins

Location: The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60657

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