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CAP UCLA Presents a Live Performance of Kid Koala's Graphic Novel *Nufonia Must Fall*



Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA (CAP UCLA) presents Montreal-based scratch DJ and music producer Kid Koala in a multi-disciplinary adaptation of his graphic novel *Nufonia Must Fall*. Kid Koala and his team appear in Royce Hall Friday, January 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets (\$19-\$49) are available now via cap.ucla.edu, Ticketmaster and the UCLA Central Ticket office at 310.825.2101.

The performance is equal parts cinema, theatre, and musical concert. An amazing team of puppeteers bring the characters of Kid Koala's graphic novel *Nufonia Must Fall* to life in miniature sets built to recreate each scene from the book. The story centers around a headphones-sporting robot on the verge of obsolescence and infatuated with a winsome office drone. Under the direction of renowned production designer KK Barrett (Oscar-nominated for *Her*) the performance is cinematically lit, filmed, and projected on a large screen. Kid Koala, accompanied by the Afiara String Quartet, performs his original score on piano and turntable. All of these components come together in real time thanks to a team of twelve talented performers and technicians.

Kid Koala, on the creation of this production:

"One of my fondest memories from childhood was watching Charlie Chaplin films. I remember my whole family, kids, parents AND grandparents, huddled around the screen smiling and laughing along as the story unfolded. Since those days, something about the silent film format has always struck a chord with me. When I was writing *Nufonia Must Fall*, I always imagined the book being a kind of paperback silent movie."

There will be a post-show event entitled "Music to Draw to" where patrons can explore their creativity in a down-to-earth environment. Art supplies and hot chocolate will be provided, and Kid Koala will DJ the proceedings.

CAP UCLA presentation of 'Nufonia Must Fall' is supported in part by the Kevin Jeske Young Artists Fund.

TICKET INFORMATION

General tickets are available at cap.ucla.edu, all Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at 310.825.2101 or in person at the UCLA Central Ticket Office on campus. Student rush tickets, subject to availability, are offered at \$15 one hour before show time to all students with valid ID.

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