

Saturday, March 7 | St. Martin's Episcopal School

8:00 Morning Coffee [with light snack]
Solomon Theater Lobby
225 Green Acres Road | Metairie, LA 70003

9:00 Welcome
Solomon Theater

SOCIAL CREATIVITY: CHILDREN AS PROTAGONISTS OF THE CITY
“When You Grow Up, You Think About Your Dream”
Filippo Chieli

Mid-Morning Stretch

SOCIAL CREATIVITY: CHILDREN AS PROTAGONISTS OF THE CITY
The Pleasure of Discovery (Nido Rivieri)
Valentina Violi

12:30 Announcements and Lunch
Saints Hall Dining Facility

1:00 School Tours
Your color-coded ticket corresponds below. To switch routes, feel free to trade or visit the NAREA registration table during a break to check availability.

 **Red Bus Group** Departs 1:10 [total capacity 40]

1:40–2:40 Visit Green Trees at Isidore Newman School
1903 Jefferson Ave | New Orleans 70115

2:55–3:55 Visit Little Gate at Louise S. McGehee School
2343 Prytania St | New Orleans 70130

 **Green Bus Group** Departs 1:10 [total capacity 40]

1:40–2:40 Visit Early Partners
1377 Annunciation St | New Orleans 70130

2:55–3:55 Visit Louisiana Children's Museum
15 Henry Thomas Dr, New Orleans, LA 70124

 **Blue Bus Group** Departs 1:10 [total capacity 40]

1:40–2:40 Visit Little Gate at Louise S. McGehee School
2343 Prytania St | New Orleans 70130

2:55–3:55 Visit Green Trees at Isidore Newman School
1903 Jefferson Ave | New Orleans 70115

4:00 All Buses Return to St. Martin's / End of Conference
End of day would be 4:30 if you choose to return on the bus

The 17th NAREA Winter Conference

Creativity as a Collective Right: Learning in Relationship and Context

March 5–7, 2026 | New Orleans, Louisiana

A NAREA initiative in collaboration with Reggio Children, Louisiana Children's Museum, St. Martin's Episcopal School, and Agenda for Children



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The North American Reggio Emilia Alliance is a network of educators, parents, and advocates seeking to elevate both the quality of life and the quality of schools and centers for young children. Our mission is to build a diverse community of advocates and educators to promote and defend the rights of children, families, and teachers of all cultures through a collaboration of colleagues inspired by Reggio Emilia. We envision a world where all children are honored and respected for their potential, capabilities, and humanity.

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Thursday, March 5 | St. Martin's Episcopal School

1:00 Check In

Solomon Theater Lobby
225 Green Acres Road | Metairie, LA 70003

2:00 Welcome

Solomon Theater
Margie Cooper, NAREA standing chair
Host Community Representatives
Julia Bland | Director of Institutional Advancement, St. Martin's Episcopal School
Shannon L. Blady, PhD | Chief Learning Officer, Louisiana Children's Museum
Holly Dalferes | In Dialogue Director, Louisiana Children's Museum

Creativity as a Constituent Element of Human Beings

Valentina Violi

Mid-Afternoon Stretch

Creativity? A Muscle That Needs to Be Exercised Every Day

Filippo Chieli

5:30 School Tour

St. Martin's Episcopal School • George Cottage

7:00 End of Day



Mosaic of Marks, Words, Material Exhibition + Atelier

LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

10-12 THURSDAY | 5:30-7:30 FRIDAY | 2-5 SATURDAY

NAREA Book Shop: Solomon Theater Lobby

1-6 THURSDAY | 8-5 FRIDAY | 8-12 SATURDAY

Friday, March 6 | St. Martin's Episcopal School

8:00 Morning Coffee [with light snack]

Solomon Theater Lobby
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9:00 Welcome

Solomon Theater
A Story of NAREA

CREATIVE THINKING

Children that Count!

Valentina Violi

Mid-Morning Stretch

CREATIVE THINKING

Your Name Is Something You Have Inside You

Filippo Chieli

1:00 Announcements and Lunch

Saints Hall Dining Facility

2:00 Participant Reflections

CREATIVITY AS A TOOL FOR EMBRACING DIFFERENCES

Camilla and the Double Bass

Filippo Chieli

Mid-Afternoon Stretch

CREATIVITY AS A TOOL FOR EMBRACING DIFFERENCES

Piazza/Piazzes: Places of Encounter with Differences

Valentina Violi

5:00 End of Day

5:30-7:30 Open House with Cultural & Culinary Offerings

Louisiana Children's Museum
15 Henry Thomas Dr | New Orleans, LA 70124