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### **CATCO is Kids Announces 2019-20 Season**

*Heartwarming musicals, popular classics, audience favorites, highlight offerings*

CATCO is Kids has announced its 2019-20 season, featuring heartwarming musicals, popular classics and audience favorites.

The season will open July 12-14, 2019, with *Willy Wonka JR.*, to be performed at The Jeanne McCoy Community Center for the Arts, 100 West E. Dublin Granville Road, in New Albany. The musical is based on the books, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, and adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy A. McDonald with words and music by Bricusse and Anthony Newley.

“Based on our success in recent seasons, we are excited to maintain the tradition of offering musicals and well-known audience favorites for our young audiences in 2019-20,” said Joe Bishara, CATCO associated producing director.

Other shows in the 2019-20 season are:

- ***Disney’s Alice in Wonderland JR.***

Music and Lyrics by Sami Fain & Bob Hilliard, Oliver Wallace & Cy Coban, Allie Wrubel & Ray Gilbert

Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle

Book and Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film, *Alice in Wonderland*, and the novels, *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll

Aug. 16-25, 2019

The Columbus Performing Arts Center

549 Franklin Ave.

Shedd Theatre

- ***Annie KIDS***

Book by Thomas Meehan

Music by Charles Strouse

Lyrics by Martin Charnin

Based on the book *Little Orphan Annie*

A Saturday Morning Musicals Production!

Nov. 9-10, 2019  
The Columbus Performing Arts Center  
549 Franklin Ave.  
Shedd Theatre

- ***A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail***  
Book, Music and Lyrics by James W. Rodgers  
Inspired by A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh*

Dec. 6-22, 2019  
The Columbus Performing Arts Center  
549 Franklin Ave.  
Van Fleet Theatre

- ***Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat***  
Based on the book by Dr. Seuss  
Play originally produced by the National Theatre of Great Britain

Jan. 10-26, 2020  
The Columbus Performing Arts Center  
549 Franklin Ave.  
Shedd Theatre

- ***Press Start!***  
Book by Denver Casado & Brian Dawson  
Music and Lyrics by Denver Casado

March 6-15, 2020  
The Columbus Performing Arts Center  
549 Franklin Ave.  
Van Fleet Theatre

- ***Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR.***  
Lyrics by Bob Dorough Dave Frishberg George Newall Kathy Mandry Lynn Ahrens Tom Yohe  
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Book by George Keating Kyle Hall Scott Ferguson  
Based on the ABC-TV educational animated series, which aired during the 1970s and 1980s

A Saturday Morning Musicals Production!

March 21-22, 2020  
The Columbus Performing Arts Center  
549 Franklin Ave.  
Shedd Theatre

- **Roald Dahl's**  
***Matilda***  
***The Musical***

Book by Dennis Kelly

Music and Lyrics by Tim Minchin  
Based on the book, Matilda by Roald Dahl

May 7-24, 2020  
The Columbus Performing Arts Center  
549 Franklin Ave.  
Shedd Theatre

Subscription prices for all shows are \$85 adults, \$70 kids. Subscriber tickets can be easily exchanged for a different date by calling the box office, 614.469.0939. Email [jcampbell@capa.com](mailto:jcampbell@capa.com) for subscription inquiries.

In addition, CATCO is Kids has announced its Summer Acting Camps for kids ages 4-15 at the Columbus Performing Arts Center. Visit [www.catcoistheatre.org](http://www.catcoistheatre.org) to register online.

CATCO and CATCO is Kids' 34rd season is sponsored by support from The Ohio Arts Council, which helps fund the theatre with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, education excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans, and supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

CATCO also appreciates the support of the Helen E. Sandfort Arts-in-Education and Florence E.K. Hurd Funds of The Columbus Foundation, assisting donors and others in strengthening our community for the benefit of all of its citizens, and the Greater Columbus Arts Council, supporting the city's artists and arts organizations since 1973. Other supporters include The Shubert Foundation Inc. and Nationwide Insurance Foundation.

CATCO and CATCO is Kids' season sponsor is L Brands; season partner is the Columbus Metropolitan Library; and media sponsor is WOSU public media. CATCO is Kids' presenting partner is The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks. For more information, visit [catcoistheatre.org](http://catcoistheatre.org).

CATCO is Kids remaining shows for the 2018-19 season are:

- ***Babe The Sheep Pig***  
By David Wood  
Based on the book by Dick King-Smith  
March 1-10, 2019  
Shedd Theatre, CPAC  
549 Franklin Ave.
- ***Seussical Kids***  
Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty  
Music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
March 23-24, 2019  
Shedd Theatre, CPAC  
549 Franklin Ave.
- ***Haroun and the Sea of Stories***  
Co-production with Columbus School for Girls  
Adapted by David Tushingham and Tim Supple  
Based on the book by Salman Rushdie

May 3-12, 2019  
Agnes Jeffrey Shedd Theater, Columbus School for Girls  
56 S. Columbus Ave.

**About CATCO**

CATCO is central Ohio's professional Equity theatre company, providing quality theatre and educational programs for all ages. The theatre organization has adopted an innovative strategy, building creative alliances that can sustain growth and development. For more information, visit [catcoistheatre.org](http://catcoistheatre.org). Together, CATCO and CATCO is Kids provide quality theatre and educational programs for all ages. The theatres have adopted an innovative strategy, building creative alliances that can sustain growth and development.

**CATCO Mission Statement**

Theatre is a shared experience that illuminates the mysteries of our humanity. Its magic has the power to transform us whether on stage, in the classroom or in our diverse communities. CATCO creates theatre that delights, challenges, and transports.