



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **CATCO Extends World Premiere of *The Final Table***

#### ***Three shows added April 30-May 2***

**WHAT:** CATCO will extend its world premiere of Playwright Herb Brown's *The Final Table* due to popular demand. The play is a journey to the afterlife where five former presidents engage in a high stakes, but wickedly funny, game of poker. *The Final Table* features a cast of colorful characters – Richard M. Nixon, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry S. Truman, Lyndon B. Johnson and Warren G. Harding – and a dealer who periodically talks to God through her Bluetooth. Together they explore history, satirize politics and produce many laughs.

**WHEN:** Additional performances are Thursday, April 30, Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 8 p.m.

**WHO:** Brown, a former Ohio Supreme Court Justice, is the author of numerous books, including *Shadow of Doubt* and *Presumption of Guilt*. His plays include also include *Peace With Honor*, *Mano A Mano* and *The Power of God*, which was featured in CATCO's *Shorts Festival 2002*. This is Brown's second world premiere produced at CATCO. In 2005, the theatre organization introduced *You're My Boy*, which explored the fascinating erratic relationship between Nixon and Eisenhower. Jonathan Putnam, who played Nixon in *You're My Boy* returns to the CATCO stage to play Nixon in *The Final Table*. He is joined by an all-star cast of some of central Ohio's leading male actors: Kevin Carty (Truman), Todd Covert (Eisenhower), Tom Holliday (Harding) and Ralph Scott (Johnson). Courtney DeCosky plays the role of the dealer. Steven C. Anderson, CATCO producing director, is the director of *The Final Table*.

**WHERE:** Vern Riffe Center, Studio Two Theatre, 77 S. High St. Tickets cost \$30 Thursday, and \$45 Friday and Saturday, and \$15 for students two hours before any performance based on availability and valid I.D. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre two hours before show time or at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 469-0939. Attached parking is available in the Riffe Center garage, which is entered from Front Street.

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