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CATCO is Kids Presents Regional Premiere of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* Jan. 13-22, 2017

Contemporary spin on classic fairytale makes it “just right” for the entire family

When the worlds of bears and people collide, everyone learns that girls and bears aren't as ferocious as they may seem. And in CATCO is Kids' regional premiere of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, there's a lot of fun to be had as well. Award-winning writers George Stiles and Anthony Drew (*Honk!*, *Mary Poppins*) inject a bear-sized helping of music, movement and mayhem into this classic fairytale making it “just right” for the entire family.

“Families who enjoyed our production of *Honk!* during the 2014-15 season, will find the same upbeat, contemporary spin in this fairy tale,” said Joe Bishara, CATCO associate producing director.

To familiarize children with the play before they attend and enrich their experience afterward, CATCO is Kids has prepared an online play guide, which is available at www.catcoistheatre.org, or by clicking this link:

<http://catco.org/www/dcms/files/pdf/playguides/goldilocksplayguide.pdf>

Goldilocks and the Three Bears will be presented at the Van Fleet Theatre, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave., Jan. 13-22, 2017. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

Performing in *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* are William Darby IV (Father Bear), Grace Johnson (Goldilocks), Matthew Sierra (Mr. Locks), Ben Stone (Baby Bear), and Madison Wilson (Mother Bear). Johnson and Stone began their acting careers with CATCO is Kids through classes and camps, and are now performing on the main stage. Sierra is a 2016-17 CATCO acting apprentice; Wilson was a 2015-16 CATCO acting apprentice.

Darby studied and performed with Theater Columbus State and the Ohio State Opera, and appeared in CATCO is Kids' productions of *The Jungle Book* and *Isabella e la Bestia*. He also appeared as Captain Von Trapp in SRO's production of *The Sound of Music* and as Spike in CATCO's production of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. Fifteen-year-old Johnson previously performed in CATCO is Kids' production of *School House Rock* and was most recently seen in *Mamma Mia* at Weathervane Playhouse. Other credits include Columbus Children's Theatre's *Fancy Nancy* and *Cats*, and Short North Stage's *A Chorus Line*. Sierra has appeared on stage at multiple central Ohio theatre organizations. His acting credits include Lord Alfred Douglas in CATCO's recent production of *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, *The Kabuki Sleeping Beauty* with CATCO is Kids!, and *POZ* with Evolution Theatre company.

Ben Stone, a sixth-grader at Kilbourne Middle School in Worthington is performing his first CATCO is Kids' mainstage production. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and two Golden Retriever dogs, reading about science, and camping with his Boy Scout Troop. A graduate of Capital

University, Wilson appeared as Ruth in the *Pirates of Penzance* and Kira in *Xanadu*. While an acting apprentice at CATCO last year, she performed in *The Elephant Man*, and CATCO is Kids productions of *The Kabuki Sleeping Beauty* and *Hansel and Gretel*.

Directing *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* is Sami Cline. Cline most recently co-directed *A Midsummer's Night Dream* at Columbus School for Girls, and has been the assistant director for *BlackBird*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Books & Bridges A Play* at CATCO. Liz Wheeler will serve as choreographer for the play; Quinton Jones is the music director.

Show times for *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* are Friday, Jan. 13, and Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 15 and Jan 22, at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door and at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office, 39 S. State St.; they can also be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com.

Patrons interested in purchasing tickets by telephone can call 614.469.0939. The box office will open two hours before show time.

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CATCO is Kids' season sponsor is L Brands; season partner is the Columbus Metropolitan Library; and presenting partner is The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks. For more information, visit catcoistheatre.org.

CATCO is Kids' remaining shows of the season are below:

- ***Cowgirls Don't Ride Zebras***
(World Premiere)
By Chris Leyva
March 3-12, 2017
Columbus Performing Arts Center
- ***Anne of Green Gables***
(Co-Production with Columbus School for Girls)
Music by Nancy Ford
Book and Lyrics by Gretchen Cryer
May 5-14, 2017
Columbus School for Girls

CATCO's shows for the 2016-17 season are:

- ***Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery***
(Columbus Premiere)
By Ken Ludwig

Jan. 25-Feb. 12, 2017
Studio Two

- ***Sex with Strangers***
(Regional Premiere)
By Laura Eason
Feb. 15-March 5, 2017
Studio Two
- ***Henry Ford's Model E***
(World Premiere)
By Herb Brown
April 19-May 7, 2017
Studio Two
- ***I Do! I Do!***
Books and lyrics by Tom Jones
Music by Harvey Schmidt
May 31-June 18, 2017
Studio Two

To subscribe or for more information about the 2016-17 season, visit www.catcoistheatre.org

About CATCO

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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.

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