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## **CATCO Launches 2014-15 Cabaret Season with *Forever Plaid***

### ***Boy group singing '50s standards in four-part harmony opens Sept. 25***

In the golden age of the 1950s boy groups, four young, eager singers are killed in a car crash on the way to their first big concert. Beginning Sept. 25 in CATCO's Studio Three Theatre, they are miraculously revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was.

They exude charm and melodic delight with numbers, such as *Love is a Many Splendored Thing*, *Three Coins in the Fountain* and *Moments to Remember*. Think Jersey Boys meets Under the Streetlamp.

"Audiences will delight in this boy group singing '50s standards in four-part harmony," said Steven C. Anderson, CATCO producing director. "CATCO first performed this musical in the 1990s, and we are excited to bring it back as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year. Fans of our cabaret musicals won't want to miss this show."

*Forever Plaid* will be performed in the intimate Studio Three Theatre at the Vern Riffe Center, 77 S. High St. Tickets are \$35. A limited number of reserved tables are available for \$180 (four seats). Students may purchase tickets for \$15 two hours before any performance based on availability and valid I.D.

Starring as CATCO's Plaids are Ben Hartwig (Smudge), an acting apprentice at CATCO last year, whose acting credits include *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* at CATCO is Kids, and Imagine Productions' *Chicago* and *Urinetown*; and William Macke (Jinx), a recent graduate of the Hartt School, whose acting credits include *The Crucible*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Twelfth Night* (Hartford Stage), *Princesses: A Rock Musical* (Staged Reading, Goodspeed Opera House), and *1776*, *Wait Until Dark* and *Cabaret* (Monomoy Theater).

They are joined by Zachary M. Pytel (Frankie), a student at Capital University, whose credits include *Les Miserables* (Jean Valjean), *The Last Five Years* (Jamie), and *Next to Normal* (Gabe); and Cody Shope (Sparky), a former acting apprentice at CATCO, who has performed in CATCO is Kids' productions of *Beauty and the Beast* and *The House at Pooh Corner*, CATCO's production of *Avenue Q*, and SRO's production of *Chess*.

Matt Clemens, who recently appeared as Lawrence in CATCO's season opener, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, is the director and music director. He has served as the music director at CATCO for *Always...Patsy Cline*, *The Story of My Life*, *Avenue Q* and *Five Guys Named Moe* and performed in *A Christmas Carol*.

CATCO's 30th 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.

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Season sponsor is L Brands; the season partner is the Columbus Metropolitan Library. For more information, visit [catcoistheatre.org](http://catcoistheatre.org).

Subscriptions for CATCO and CATCO is Kids 2014-15 season are available by contacting the box office at 614.469.0939. Remaining shows in the upcoming season are:

#### CATCO

- *My Name is Asher Lev*  
By Aaron Posner, adapted from the novel by Chaim Potok  
Co-Produced with Gallery Players  
**Oct. 22-Nov. 9, 2014**
  
- *A Christmas Carol*  
Adapted by Patrick Barlow from the novel by Charles Dickens  
**Dec. 3-21, 2014**
  
- *Master Class*  
By Terrance McNally  
In association with Opera Columbus  
**Feb. 11-March 1, 2015**
  
- *The Final Table*  
By Herb Brown  
**April 8-26, 2015**
  
- *Murder for Two*  
Book, music and lyrics by Joe Kinosian and Kellen Blair  
**May 27-June 14, 2015**

#### CATCO is Kids

- *A Christmas Carol*  
Adapted by Patrick Barlow from the novel by Charles Dickens  
**Dec. 3-21, 2014**
  
- *Go, Dog. Go!*  
Adapted for the stage by Steven Dietz and Allison Gregory from the book  
by P.D. Eastman  
**Jan. 16-25, 2015**
  
- *The Jungle Book*

By Steven C. Anderson, adapted from the book by Rudyard Kipling  
**March 6-15, 2015**

- ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***  
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; book and lyrics by Tim Rice  
Co-produced with SRO and Columbus Recreation and Parks  
**May 1-10, 2015**

**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.

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