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CATCO is Kids Associate  
Producing Director  
Joe Bishara teaching  
students from Columbus  
School for Girls

**CATCO is Kids** is CATCO's imaginative, captivating theatre program for central Ohio's young theatre lovers and their families.

You'll also find us in many places other than the stage. Read on to learn more about our theatre performances and education offerings, including acting classes, workshops in area schools, residencies, summer drama camps, master classes, and Saturday classes for all ages.



Saturday morning musicals



Audition showcase



The Jungle Book cast members

## Acting Classes

Throughout the year, CATCO hosts acting classes for a wide variety of interests and skill levels at the Columbus Performing Arts Center.

## Summer Camps

We offer more than 20 different camps that run from June to August each summer, and give kids the opportunity to explore their creative side. More than 750 children participate resulting in more than 13,000 hours of interaction with performing arts educators!

## School Matinee Performances

CATCO is Kids is proud to offer \$5 tickets for our school matinee performances. Reservations can be placed through the CAPA Ticket Center with Heather Kalman at 614-719-6764 or via e-mail at [hkalman@capa.com](mailto:hkalman@capa.com).

*Please Note:* All seating is designated on the day of the show. Groups of 25 or more will receive an invoice within two weeks of your order. Full payment and any cancellations or changes must be made 14 days prior to the performance.

## "At-Risk" Residency Programs

For 20 weeks during the school year, CATCO staff work in three core urban schools using theatre to teach academic subjects (such as math and science) in preparation for the state achievement tests. Students learn to write, edit, rehearse, and produce a play that deals with a major topic covered on the test. The plays the children write and perform have ranged from the life cycle of a butterfly to the three branches of government to photosynthesis. This program is at the forefront of curriculum development and is at the heart of our educational outreach program.

CATCO's multi-grade-level residency program expands the "At-Risk" program to enable children in grades 3-7 to interact with one another, providing opportunities that foster subconscious mentorship and collaboration.

## Learning Never Ends

CATCO works alongside instructors from Learning Never Ends to create three separate performance pieces for adults with developmental disabilities.



Musical theatre creation camp



Stage combat class



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### Adult Classes

CATCO staff provides monthly acting classes to help adults hone their skills for the stage or the boardroom.

### Audition Classes

Students hone their audition skills and receive individual acting and vocal coaching. At the end of the week, each student has an audition package that is evaluated by CATCO staff.

### Audition Showcase

This is an intensive program for children and young people who have chosen drama as a serious interest. At the end of each two-week session, local professional directors critique the participants.

### CPAC

CATCO works in cooperation with Columbus Recreation and Parks to make the Columbus Performing Arts Center available to the community.

### Finding Words

The Ohio Attorney General's office employs actors from CATCO and CATCO is Kids help train law enforcement officers and interrogators on questioning children suspected of being abused. Actors perform in developmentally appropriate roles.

### Kids on the Block

Kids on the Block, Inc. was developed to help children with disabilities have their non-disabled peers understand and accept them. CATCO is Kids will tour Kids on the Block programs to 30 schools throughout central Ohio.

### Musical Theatre Creation Camps/Residencies

Students collaborate with professional artists to piece together and produce the storyline and lyrics for an original musical workshop.

### Playwrights Fellowship

Each year, CATCO, in partnership with the Greater Columbus Arts Council, sponsors the annual Playwrights Fellowship program to encourage the development of new theatre in central Ohio. The recipient receives a \$5,000 fellowship and a staged reading of his/her play at CATCO.

### PNC WordPlay

Pre-K classes at West Broad Elementary and Hilltop Preschool develop literacy through acting out simple stories with the assistance of a drama coach.

### Saturday Afternoon Teen Scene Study

Fall teen sessions are focused on writing for film. In the spring, students act, direct, and edit their own short movies.

### Saturday

#### Morning Musicals

Students spend their Saturday mornings building the skills necessary to become "triple threat" performers, while learning and performing in a junior version of a Broadway musical.

### STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are an essential component of the school curriculum. CATCO is Kids teaches these subjects using drama as a teaching system. By adding Art to STEM, we create STEAM.

### Summer Performance Camp

Young actors work for two hours nightly, four nights a week, for four consecutive weeks to create a one-act, 60-minute production that receives three performances for the general public.

### Work Smarter, Play Harder

CATCO engages with corporations to use improvisation to teach employees to solve problems creatively.

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At-Risk Residency program





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