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CATCO is Kids Presents *Disney Alice in Wonderland JR.* Aug. 16-25

Children's classic features 28 central Ohio youths

CATCO is Kids will present a contemporary take on one of the world's most beloved children's tales with *Disney Alice in Wonderland JR.* Aug. 16-25, 2019.

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, CATCO is Kids' production brings Carroll's famous heroine to life in a delightful adaptation featuring 28 central Ohio youths. Audiences will travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice, one of literature's most famous heroines, in her madcap adventures.

"We continue our summer musical journey with another beloved children's classic, featuring updated songs from Disney's animated motion picture, *Alice in Wonderland*," said Joe Bishara, CATCO associate producing director. "Audiences will not want to miss this musical adaptation that is condensed to about an hour long for young audiences."

All performances for *Alice in Wonderland JR.*, music and lyrics by Sami Fain and Bob Hilliard, Oliver Wallace and Cy Coban, Allie Wrubel and Ray Gilbert, Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston; music adapted and arranged and additional music and lyrics by Bryan Louiselle; and book and additional lyrics by David Simpatico, are in the Shedd Theatre, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave. Tickets are \$10.

Directing the musical is Andrew Protopapas, a former CATCO acting apprentice, who now works as CATCO and CATCO is Kids' education coordinator. His acting credits include *Breaking The Code*; *A Christmas Carol*; *Peter and the Starcatcher*; and *Master Class* (CATCO); *Jungle Book* and *Honk!* (CATCO is Kids); *Les Misérables* (Star Players Theatre); and *Company* and *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* (Capital University). He directed *Babe*, *The Sheep-Pig*, *Garfield: The Musical With Catitude*, and *A Seussified Christmas Carol* at CATCO is Kids.

Cast members are:

Jillian Reeb, Bexley – Alice
Grace Hardjono, Powell – Small Alice, et al.
Addie Reid, Westerville – Tall Alice, Four of Hearts, et al.
Oscar Humbert, Grove City – Cheshire Cat 1
Jenny Tupper, Westerville – Cheshire Cat 2
Emma Shachter, Hilliard – Cheshire Cat 3
Tara Gontkovic, Westerville – Mathilda, Daisy, et al.
Sam Hardjono, Powell – White Rabbit
Jenna Ohlinger, Baltimore – Doorknob, Ace of Spades

Connor Paap, Powell – Dodo Bird, et al.
Edward Murphy, Powell – Tweedle Dee
Kaitlyn Brown, Powell – Tweedle Dum
Natalie Harper, Worthington – Rose, et al.
Claire Richey, Upper Arlington – Lily, et al.
Alaina Bourgeois, Clintonville – Petunia, et al.
Lily Squeo, Worthington – Violet, et al.
Trinity Gayle, Reynoldsburg – Caterpillar
Kate Hofman, Gahanna – Mad Hatter
Simone Dean, Columbus – March Hare
Mary Beth Kauffman, Upper Arlington – Queen of Hearts
Isaac Reeb, Bexley – King of Hearts, et al.
Erin McCormick, Hilliard – Two of Clubs, et al.
Magnolia Petrozzi, Columbus – Three of Diamonds, et al.
Matthew Rice, Upper Arlington – Sea Creature, Royal Card, et al.
Hazel Lee, Bexley – Sea Creature, Royal Card, et al.
Cameron Krisiewicz, Upper Arlington – Sea Creature, Royal Card, et al.
Aubrey Hofmann, Gahanna – Sea Creature, Royal Card, et al.
Sophie Schroeder, Clintonville – Sea Creature, Royal Card, et al.

Other members of the production cast include Krista Pojman, music director; Rachael Riggs Leyva, choreographer; Ashlyn Keska, stage manager; Jon Baggs, scenic designer; Rowan Winterwood, lighting designer; Patrick Bryant, costume designer; Jenn Maynard, props master; Chase Holt, technical director; Jeremy Hardjono, directing intern; and Emma Winder, assistant stage manager.

Show times for *Disney Alice in Wonderland JR.* are Friday, Aug. 16 and 23, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 17 and 24, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 18 and 25, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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CATCO is Kids is currently selling subscriptions for the 2019-20 season. Subscriptions for CATCO and CATCO is Kids are available by calling the ticket office at 614.469.0919 or visiting catco.org. Single tickets are now on sale for *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* and *Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat*. Remaining shows are:

- ***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
Shedd Theatre, The Columbus Performing Arts Center
549 Franklin Ave.
- ***A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail***
Music and Lyrics James W. Rodgers
Book inspired by A.A. Milne's *Winnie-The-Pooh*
Dec. 6-22, 2019
Van Fleet Theatre, The Columbus Performing Arts Center
549 Franklin Ave.
 - ***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
Shedd Theatre, The Columbus Performing Arts Center
549 Franklin Ave.
 - ***Press Start!***
Book by Denver Casado, Brian Dawson
Music and Lyrics by Denver Casado
March 6-15, 2020
Van Fleet Theatre, The Columbus Performing Arts Center
549 Franklin Ave.
 - ***Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR.***
Lyrics by Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, George Newall,
Kathy Mandry, Lynn Ahrens, Tom Yohe
Music by Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, George Newall,
Kathy Mandry, Lynn Ahrens, Tom Yohe
Book by George Keating, Kyle Hall, Scott Ferguson
Based on the ABC-TV educational animated series,
which aired during the 1970s and 1980s.
March 21-22, 2020
Shedd Theatre, The Columbus Performing Arts Center
549 Franklin Ave.
 - ***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
Shedd Theatre, The Columbus Performing Arts Center
549 Franklin Ave.

About CATCO

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programs for all ages with CATCO is Kids, CATCO's imaginative, captivating theatre program for central Ohio's young theatre lovers and their families. Together, 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. For more information, visit **catcoistheatre.org**.

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