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**CATCO Opens 2019-20 Season With Celebration of Frank Sinatra's Music**

*Cabaret-style performance of My Way, A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra  
performed Aug. 8-Sept. 1*

CATCO will celebrate an American legend in its season opener, *My Way, A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra*. Featuring some of his most beloved songs – “Strangers in the Night,” “New York, New York,” “Fly Me to the Moon,” “Love and Marriage,” and “I’ve Got the World on a String,” the tribute will be performed in the intimate Studio Three Theatre at the Riffe Center Aug. 8-Sept. 1.

“Frank Sinatra was the quintessential chameleon, and our tribute pays homage to the variety of moods and nuances that this deeply gifted self-inventor shared with his adoring fans throughout his career,” said Steven C. Anderson, CATCO producing director and director of *My Way*. “It is our goal to transport audiences to a mid-20th Century night club to savor the music of one of the world’s greatest performers.”

“... Whether you’re a Frank fan or just enjoy the Great American standards, treat yourself,” says *Splash Magazine*, while *Chicago Theatre Beat* calls the show an “energetic, unique tribute to Ol’ Blue Eyes.”

Performing in *My Way*, conceived by David Grapes and Todd Olson with book by Todd Olson, is a veteran cast of central Ohio actors and vocalists:

- Shauna Marie Davis, who is returning to the CATCO stage after performing in last year’s season opener, *Eubie!* Other acting credits include *Priscilla, Queen of the Dessert* at Evolution Theatre as a Diva.
- Joan Krause, who has performed in *The Club, Aspects of Love* and the one woman show, *Bad Dates*, at CATCO. Her 30-year acting career has included performing on stages in and out of the United States. Favorite roles include Lottie, (Parthy cover) in Hal Prince’s revival of *Showboat* in Chicago and national tour; Miss Mona, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*; Eva Peron, *Evita*; Arlene, *Baby*; and Earth Mother, *Menopause the Musical*.
- Robert “Mac” McDannold, who is thrilled to be returning to CATCO after a long absence, having previously appeared in the company’s production of *Tomfoolery*. His

long career on the Columbus stage has included musical roles at Players Theatre, Gallery Players, and Actor's Theatre of Columbus. He was last seen as Mr. Laurence in Actor's Theatre's recent production of *Little Women*.

- Patrick Schaefer, who is a graduate of Otterbein University's musical theatre program and has performed in New York City and Ohio. Recent credits include *Peter Pan* (Starkey) and *Tuck Everlasting* (Angus) with Columbus Children's Theatre; *Mamma Mia* (Bill) and *La Cage Aux Folles* (Francis) with Short North Stage; and *My Fair Lady* (Freddy), *Heathers* (Ensemble) and *The Wild Party* (Burrs) with Imagine Productions.

Also appearing on the stage is Quinton Jones, *My Way* music director and costume designer. Jones, who has served as music director for many CATCO shows, also is a costume designer, specializing in fashions unique to drag queens. He recently designed the costumes for CATCO's productions of *Life Sucks.* and *Holmes and Watson*.

Anderson's directing credits include plays as diverse as the central Ohio premiere and first non-touring production in Ohio of *Fun Home*, as well as *Holmes and Watson*, *Life Sucks.*, *Every Brilliant Thing*, *Eubie!*, world premieres of *Henry Ford's Model E* and *The Final Table*, *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Avenue Q*, and the highly acclaimed production of Doug Wright's *I Am My Own Wife*. He has also directed *Candide* and *Hair* at The Ohio State University Theatre Department; *Love! Velour! Compassion!* and *The Taste of Sunrise* at CATCO; *Big River* and *Pippin* at Actors Theatre; *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at New Harmony Theatre; and *Greater Tuna*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Assassins* at the former Players Theatre Columbus where he served as Associate Producing Director.

*My Way* ticket prices are \$35 for general admission and \$45 for table seating. All tickets can be purchased online at [www.catco.org](http://www.catco.org), at the ticket office at 39 E. State St. next to the Ohio theatre, by calling 614.469.0939, visiting [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or calling or visiting any central Ohio Ticketmaster location.

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CATCO and CATCO is Kids' season sponsor is L Brands; presenting sponsor is the Columbus Metropolitan Library. CATCO is Kids' presenting partner is The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks; media partner is WOSU Public Media. For more information, visit [catco.org](http://catco.org).

Subscriptions for CATCO and CATCO is Kids are available by calling the ticket office at 614.469.0919 or visiting [catco.org](http://catco.org). Single tickets are now on sale for *Home* at CATCO and *Disney's Alice in wonderland JR.*, *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* and *Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat* at CATCO is Kids. Remaining shows for the 2019-20 season are:

## CATCO

- ***Home***  
By Samm-Art Williams  
Nov. 6-24, 2019  
Studio Two, Riffe Center  
77 S. High Street
- ***Application Pending***  
Written by Greg Edwards, Andy Sandberg  
Jan. 23-Feb. 16, 2020  
Studio Three Theatre, Riffe Center  
77 S. High Street
- ***Moonlight and Magnolias***  
Written by Ron Hutchinson  
March 11-29, 2020  
Studio Two Theatre, Riffe Center  
77 S. High Street
- ***Nureyev's Eyes***  
Written by David Rush  
April 15-May 3, 2020  
Studio Two Theatre, Riffe Center  
77 S. High Street
- ***Desperate Measures***  
Book and lyrics by Peter Kellogg  
Music by David Friedman  
June 3-21, 2020  
Studio Two Theatre, Riffe Center  
77 S. High Street

## CATCO is Kids

- ***Disney's 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  
Book and Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico  
Aug. 16-25, 2019  
Shedd Theatre, The Columbus Performing Arts Center  
549 Franklin Ave.
- ***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**

CATCO is central Ohio's professional Equity theatre company, providing quality theatre and educational 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.

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