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**CATCO is Kids Presents *Annie KIDS* Aug. Nov. 9-10**

***Beloved musical features 38 central Ohio youths***

CATCO is Kids will present *Annie KIDS*, based upon the popular comic strip and book and adapted from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, Nov. 9-10, 2019. The musical will showcase 38 central Ohio youths and is A Saturday Morning Musicals Production.

*Annie KIDS* features everyone's favorite little redhead in her very first adventure, with a beloved book and score by Tony Award-winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin. All performances will be held in the Shedd Theatre, Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave. All tickets are \$10.

To familiarize children with the play before they attend and enrich their experience afterward, parents can access CATCO is Kids' play guide for *Annie KIDS* which can be found at:

[https://www.catco.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CATCOkids.annie\\_.playguide3.pdf](https://www.catco.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CATCOkids.annie_.playguide3.pdf)

Directing the cast is Krista Lively Stauffer, and artist educator at CATCO is Kids. Stauffer, a graduate of Otterbein University's Theatre Department, is a local professional actor on stage and screen. Favorite stage credits include *Avenue Q* (Kate/Lucy), *Sunday in the Park with George* (Nurse/Harriet/Mrs.), and *She Kills Monsters* (Agnes).

Cast members are:

Maddie Porretta – Annie  
Alethia Hardjono – Molly  
Madi Stein, Deven Licon-Conner – Duffy  
Lydia Houston Mackey – Pepper  
Raegan Fowler, Cameron Krisiewicz – July  
Simone Dean, Micah Stauffer – Tessie  
Claire Richey, Scarlett Graves – Kate  
Lillian Hoskin-Hauser – Sandy  
Jillian Reeb – Miss Hannigan  
Sam Hardjono – Rooster  
Jeanette Moriak – Lily  
Zora Chapin – Grace  
Edward Murphy – Warbucks  
Ben Adelman – Drake

Teo Mendoza – Bert Healy  
Vivek Yang – FDR  
Elise Lowe, Lily Squeo, Alaina Bourgeois – Star(s) to be  
Ambar Sotomayor – Lt. Ward  
Oliver Jap – Bundles  
Jax Spaeth – Louis Howe  
Lauren Funk – Apple Seller  
Jenna Ohlinger – Usherette  
Emma Huffman – Ensemble  
Lyla Chapin – Ensemble  
Freya Wiford – Ensemble  
Oliver Jap – Ensemble  
Kate Johnson – Ensemble  
Jax Spaeth – Ensemble  
Addison Jones – Ensemble  
Cali Russell – Ensemble  
Christen Hoyte – Ensemble  
Cora Spiker – Ensemble

Other members of the production cast include Daniel Stein, music director; Julia Ayau, choreographer; Ben Smallwood, stage manager; Patrick Bryant, costumes; and Caroline Dittamo, lighting designer.

Show times for *Annie KIDS* are Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 10, 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](http://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:

- ***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. For more information, visit [catcoistheatre.org](http://catcoistheatre.org).

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