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**CATCO, CATCO is Kids Promote Protopapas to Interim Education Director**

Andrew Protopapas, CATCO and CATCO is Kids' education coordinator, has been promoted to interim education director at the theatre organizations.

A Columbus native, Protopapas is a former CATCO acting apprentice during 2014-15 season. As education coordinator, he facilitated and planned workshops, classes and residency programs in schools throughout central Ohio, and assisted with CATCO and CATCO is Kids many education initiatives. Those tasks will continue, along with additional leadership responsibilities.

"Under Andrew's leadership, we have seen our education initiatives thrive and expand," said Steven C. Anderson, CATCO's producing director. "I have no doubt our youth programming will continue on this upward path, thanks to Andrew's commitment of sharing the world of theatre with the youngest members of our community."

In addition to his role as a theatre educator, Protopapas enjoys acting, directing, and writing for the stage. Earlier this season, he directed CATCO is Kids' production of *Alice in Wonderland JR.* Other directing credits at CATCO is Kids include *Babe*, *The Sheep-Pig*, *Garfield: The Musical With Catitude*, and *A Seussified Christmas Carol*.

Acting credits at CATCO and CATCO is Kids include *Breaking The Code; A Christmas Carol*; *Peter and the Starcatcher*; *Master Class*; *Jungle Book*; and *Honk!* Acting credits at other central Ohio theatres include *Les Misérables*; *Company*; and *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*.

**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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