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### **CATCO is Kids, Columbus Children's Theatre To Hold *Matilda* Auditions Jan. 11-12**

CATCO is Kids and Columbus Children's Theatre, the region's premiere youth theatre organizations, will hold auditions for their upcoming co-production of *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* Jan. 11-12, 2020, at the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave.

Adult auditions will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. by appointment only. Youth auditions will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Callbacks will be held Monday, Jan. 13, for adults from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and for youths from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Details about the audition requirements can be found at <https://www.catco.org/auditions/> To request an adult audition, please email [auditions@catco.org](mailto:auditions@catco.org).

*Matilda The Musical*, winner of multiple Tony and Olivier awards, will be produced May 7-24, 2020, by CATCO is Kids and CCT at the Shedd Theatre, 549 Franklin Ave. There are five adult actors and 14 youth actors in the production.

Inspired by the genius of Roald Dahl, *Matilda The Musical* is the captivating masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare Company that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the story of a young girl who dreams of a better life. The tale of Matilda, a special child with an extraordinary imagination, has delighted audiences young and old since its premiere on London's West End in 2011 and on Broadway in 2013.

Show details are available on the organizations' websites, [catcoiskids.org](http://catcoiskids.org) and [columbuschildrenstheatre.org](http://columbuschildrenstheatre.org).

Columbus Children's Theatre, CATCO, and CATCO is Kids seasons are supported by The Ohio Arts Council, which helps fund the theatres with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, education excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans, and supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

In addition, the Columbus Foundation supports the Columbus Children's Theatre and CATCO and CATCO is Kids with the latter receiving support of the Bernhart J. Mertz and Barbara B. Coons funds of The Columbus Foundation, assisting donors and others in strengthening our community for the benefit of all of its citizens

Columbus Children's Theatre, CATCO, and CATCO is Kids each receive support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council, supporting the city's artists and arts organizations since 1973, and additional support from The Shubert Foundation Inc. and Nationwide Insurance Foundation.

Columbus Children's Theatre would also like to thank PNC Arts Alive for presenting their accessible offerings for 2019.

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.

### **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).

### **COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S THEATRE Mission Statement**

Transforming families through the power of the stage.

### **About COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S THEATRE**

At Columbus Children's Theatre we educate and involve young people of all backgrounds in the theatre arts. Through our programs we foster self-esteem and self-discovery by emphasizing discipline, integrity, team-building, and communication skills in a positive and creative environment. We promote access to theatre arts for families who do not have regular opportunities to appreciate theatre in their lives because of either economic, cultural, or other barriers.

For more information, visit [ColumbusChildrensTheatre.org](http://ColumbusChildrensTheatre.org)

