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CATCO is Kids Announces Summer 2020 Theatre Camp Sessions

Camps available for ages 4-18

CATCO is Kids today announced registration is open for its summer 2020 theatre camp sessions. Classes and camps use theatrical techniques to reinforce values, empathy, and understanding, as well as important life lessons, while providing children with the chance to explore their creative side.

More than 750 kids participate in CATCO is Kids' camps and classes annually, resulting in more than 13,000 hours of interaction with performing arts educators. All sessions take place at the Columbus Performing Arts Center, 549 Franklin Ave. All participants pay an annual \$25 registration fee; for families who want to sign up for multiple classes, there is a flex option of four classes for \$650. Packages do not include the Two-Week Teen Audition Intensive or *Beauty and the Beast JR* summer show.

The registration link can be found at: <https://www.catco.org/summer-camps/>

Below is a listing of 2020 camps and classes:

Ages 4-5 / Cost \$75 / 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

June 1-5 *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed*

Bring Mo Willems's hit picture book to life as we act out the story of everyone's favorite stylish naked mole rat.

June 8-12 *Green Eggs and Ham*

Join us as we act out the rhyming hilarity of Dr. Seuss's classic *Green Eggs and Ham*.

June 15-19 *Shake, Rattle, and Roll*

Play beats and dance away the day with our fun rhythm and movement camp.

Ages 6-8 / Cost \$200 / 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 1-5 *Rotten to the Core*

The worlds of villains and heroes collide when the prince of Auradon, Ben, son of Beast and Belle, offers a chance at redemption to the trouble-making kids of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Cruella de Vil, and Jafar. Will they follow in the footsteps of their wicked parents?

June 8-12 *So Many Ways to Be Wicked*

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June 15-19 *Silly Shakespeare*

Explore the hilarious stories and characters of William Shakespeare and perform in your own Shakespearean comedy.

June 22-26 *Belle and the Beast*

Follow Belle as she learns the mysteries of the Enchanted Castle and the truth about the Beast, a cursed prince who must learn the power of love to break the spell.

June 29-July 3 *Good to be Bad*

The day has come for new VKs to come to Auradon just like Mal, Evie, Jay, and Carlos once did. But this joyous occasion is almost ruined by Hades and other classic villains, but are they the real threat or will another villain rise from an unexpected place?

July 6-10 *Into the Unknown*

Join Ana, Elsa, Sven, and Olaf on an adventure into the unknown inspired by the popular musical movies.

July 13-17 *Trolls on Tour*

Life is musical when you are a troll, but something seems to be wrong as music begins to disappear from the world. Follow Princess Poppy into the adventures of the hit animated films.

Ages 6-8 Friday classes are half-day ending after the “in-formance” at 12 p.m.

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June 15-19 *Shakespeare and Star Wars – The Force Doth Awaken*

Ever wonder what Star Wars would sound like if Shakespeare wrote it? Join Rey, Finn, and Poe on an epic quest to defeat Kylo Ren, Supreme Leader Snoke, and the forces of the The First Order and find out.

June 22-26 *Witchcraft and Wizardry*

Explore the magical mysteries of your favorite school of witchcraft and wizardry.

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July 6-10 *Film Creation Part 1: The Writers' Room*

Working with industry professionals, students will write and storyboard two short films as they explore the triumphs and challenges of writing for the camera.

July 13-17 *Film Creation Part 2: And ... Action!*

Alongside industry professionals, students will film, act in, and direct two short movies from the *Film Creation Part 1: The Writers' Room* camp (July 6-10) as we explore the triumphs and challenges of acting and directing for the camera.

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Ages 9-18

Join us for our summer show – *Beauty and the Beast JR.*

Monday-Thursday, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Cost \$325

Audition Dates: June 27-28 (11 a.m. -2 p.m.)

Rehearsal Dates (Monday-Thursday): 7/20/20-7/23/20; 7/27/20-7/30/20; 8/3/20-8/6/20; 8/10/20-8/13/20

(Monday-Wednesday): 8/17/20-8/19/20

Performances: 8/20/20-8/23/20

Join Belle in this enchanting tale as she discovers a Beast who is under a terrible curse. Can the Beast learn to love and be loved in time to break the spell? Disney’s classic retelling of Belle and the Beast comes to life this summer on the CATCO is Kids’ stage.

Ages 13-18

Two-Week Teen Audition Intensive – Instant Classics

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cost \$400

June 15-19; 22-26

Cabaret Performance: Saturday, 6/27/2020 at 7 p.m. (Student call-time for performance will be provided on first day of camp)

In this two-week intensive program, students will gain the skills they need to be a well-rounded performer and to succeed in the audition room. Students will receive individual monologue coaching, vocal coaching, dance fundamentals training, and will participate in two production numbers from recent musicals that became instant classics (like *Dear Evan Hansen*). Students will leave this camp with an audition package ready for their next audition at school and beyond. Class is divided into two sections by age: 13-15 and 16-18.

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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. Remaining shows are:

- ***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.

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