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CATCO is Kids Announces Fall 2021 Classes

Saturday Morning Musicals' All Together Now!, a Global Theatre Event, Slated for November

CATCO is Kids announced today its fall education classes targeting central Ohio youths will begin next month. Offerings include a Teen Monologue Study; adult acting classes; and a special Saturday Morning Musicals' performance of *All Together Now!*, a new musical revue that will be performed worldwide Nov. 12-15, 2021.

Details about each session, which will be held at the Columbus Performing Arts Center (CPAC), 549 Franklin Ave., the home of CATCO is Kids, and registration links can be found at: <https://www.catco.org/fall-2021-classes/> All tuition sales are final unless the minimum enrollment is not reached, in which case refunds will be issued.

Classes for Saturday Morning Musicals begin Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, and will be held 10 consecutive Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. where students will learn skills necessary to become "triple threat" performers while learning and performing in a new musical revue.

"This fall we can't wait to perform a brand new musical revue in our Saturday Morning Musicals' session, *All Together Now!*, featuring songs from some of musical theatre's most popular shows," said Andrew Protopapas, CATCO's interim education director. "This production will be performed all over the world during the weekend of Nov. 12-15, 2021, and is meant to celebrate the transformative and unifying power of local theatre."

CATCO is Kids' production of *All Together Now!* will be performed Nov. 13 and 14, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., at the Van Fleet Theatre at CPAC. The cost for the camp is \$295 and is for ages 9-15. Performances are open to the general public for \$10 each. Two complimentary tickets are included in each registration price.

Continuing CATCO is Kids' commitment to safety, enrollment for each class will be reduced. Classes will follow COVID-19 safety procedures established by the CDC and state of Ohio, and will align with safety protocols based upon guidance from Columbus Recreation and Parks and Columbus Public Health. Specific safety protocols for each class will be communicated to

students and families before each class begins. Questions about CATCO is Kids' safety protocols can be directed to Protopapas at aprotopapas@catco.org

CATCO is Kids' classes and camps use theatrical techniques to reinforce values, empathy, and understanding, as well as important life lessons, while providing children – and adults – with the chance to explore their creative side. Each year more than 750 kids participate in CATCO is Kids' camps and classes, resulting in more than 13,000 hours of interaction with performing arts educators.

Other CATCO is Kids' fall camps are:

Teen Monologue Study

This six-week class, held Tuesdays, Sept. 28-Nov. 2, 2021, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., targets ages 13-17. The cost is \$250 per student.

Students will hone acting skills while exploring strategies used to find an effective monologue and perform it in a compelling way. All levels of acting experience are welcome.

Adult Acting Class

This eight-week class, held Wednesdays, Sept. 29-Nov. 17, 2021, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., targets ages 21 and up. The cost is \$300 per student.

Adult students will work for eight weeks to define and refine their stage acting skills. This class will cover a range of topics, including cold readings, monologues, two-person scenes, and more. All levels of acting experience are welcome. This class is recommended for adults who are looking to learn more about acting or those who are looking for an acting tune-up.

CATCO and CATCO is Kids' 37th season is made possible in part by state tax dollars allocated by the Ohio Legislature to the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically. The theatres also are supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

CATCO also appreciates the support of the William C. & Naoma W. Denison Fund of The Columbus Foundation, assisting donors and others in strengthening our community for the benefit of all of its citizens, and the Greater Columbus Arts Council, supporting the city's artists and arts organizations since 1973. Other supporters include The Shubert Foundation Inc. and Nationwide Insurance Foundation.

For more information, visit catco.org.

About CATCO

CATCO is central Ohio's leading professional Equity theatre company, providing exceptional productions and educational programs for adults and young people in response to our community's needs. We believe theatrical storytelling transforms people of all ages by immersing them in immediate, communal experiences. CATCO exists to harness the

transformational power of theatre that engages with our current moment to inspire a community of empathy. For more information, visit catco.org.

CATCO's Vision

CATCO strives to become an anti-racist, nationally recognized contemporary theatre company that anchors a thriving Columbus theatre ecosystem in an empathetic, equitable world.

CATCO's Purpose/Mission

To harness the transformational power of theatre that engages with our current moment to inspire a community of empathy.

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