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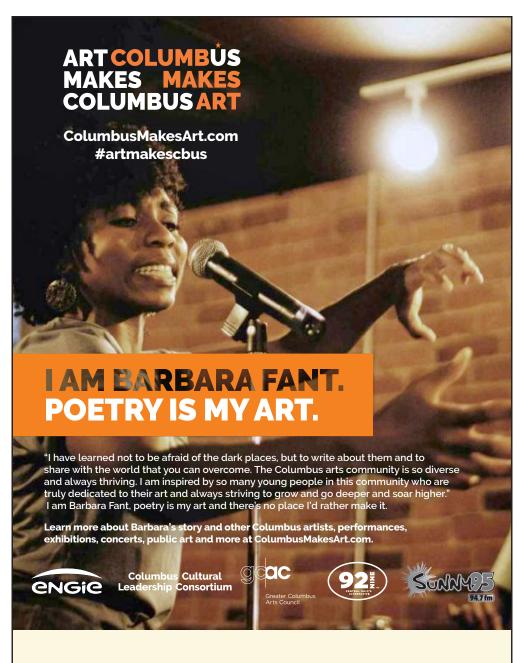
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We acknowledge that in Central Ohio, we are on the traditional homelands of the Shawnee, Potawatomi, Delaware, Miami, Peoria, Seneca, Wyandotte, Ojibwe, and Cherokee Indigenous nations who have strong ties to these lands. Today, individuals from a broad range of Indigenous backgrounds call Columbus and central Ohio home.

We recognize generations who contributed their traditions, hopes, and spirit to make the history that led to this moment. While some have lived on this land for more generations than can be counted, others arrived here hoping for a better life, while others were forcibly taken and brought here against their will. The acknowledgment of the truth of these realities is critical to building mutual respect and connection.





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Cole Bowen



Juliana Chianese

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CAST BIOS

COLE BOWEN is a sixth-grader at Kilbourne Middle School, where he is a member of the Drama Sloths club. This is Cole's first production with CATCO. Cole is active in his school and community with volleyball, swim team, student council, diversity club, and scouts. A native of Worthington, Cole lives with his parents, two brothers, and two rescue dogs.

JULIANA CHIANESE is so happy to be in her first CATCO production! She loves singing and dancing and has enjoyed the Saturday morning classes. You may have seen Juliana as Mary Lennox in Actors Theaters/CCT coproduction of *The Secret Garden* this summer in Schiller Park. This is Juliana's 9th show. Juliana is so happy that live theater is back! She has missed the stage. She hopes you enjoy the show!

EDISON GLASS has appeared mainly in school productions, including an acclaimed turn as The Wizard in *The Wizard of Oz* and roles in *Annie* and *The Little Mermaid*. Edison lives and studies in Downtown Columbus.

GABBY HARRIS is a 4th grader who lives in Columbus, Ohio.

EVELYN HOWARD has appeared in several theater productions, including *Frozen, James and the Giant Peach,* and *The Little Prince*. Evelyn loves to act and perform for audiences. She particularly enjoys musicals. Evelyn attends Gahanna Middle School East and is part of the school's choir.

IAN KELLER

SOPHIA KOSKY, making her official CATCO debut and is super excited to be performing! Her previous premier on the CATCO stage, Schoolhouse Rock Live!, was preempted by the pandemic. Sophia has been involved in multiple dance genres since age three and has been singing even before she could officially talk. Sophia has shared her vocal and musical talents at her local church services, competed in various talent shows in the Columbus area. collaborated with multiple musicians at renowned local and regional establishments, and has even found opportunities to sing internationally while on vacation abroad. Sophia is currently in the sixth grade at New Albany and wishes to thank her parents, sister, and grandparents, who love and support her endlessly.

CAMILLE LANDRY appeared in several school productions including, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Annie*. She is a talented visual artist who loves spending time with her new kitten, Butterscotch. Camille is an eighthgrade student at Saint Mary's in German Village and is a Columbus native.

MONICA MIGNONE, born and raised in Canal Winchester, Ohio, has performed in Aristocats Jr., Into The Unknown; A Frozen Musical, All Together Now!, and Witchcraft & Wizardry; A Harry Potter Musical. Monica studies at Canal Winchester Middle School and participates in band and choir. She is gifted in seminar classes in 7th grade. Monica has sung in professional choirs

for 5-years, singing Soprano. Her confidence in music and singing abilities have been recognized by Columbus Children's Choir. In addition to singing and acting, Monica plays percussion. She is a proud member of the Canal Winchester Steel Band, has a very creative mind, and enjoys thinking outside of the box.

DELANEY MILLER is a 4th grader with a growing love of theatre, dance, singing, and acting. She has appeared in numerous dance performances with New Albany Ballet, Dublin Dance, and Richens-Timm Irish Dance. At CATCO this year, Delaney is now expanding her performance skills into musical theatre and acting.

SOPHIE REEDER always enjoys singing, dancing, and watching musicals. *All Together Now!* is Sophie's first time performing in a musical theater production. Sophie's enthusiasm and charisma are undeniable in everything she does and she is very excited to participate in this production. Sophie attends Columbus Gifted Academy. She is a native of Columbus, Ohio.

EMILY RICCI is a 5th grader at Wellington School and lives in Hilliard. She enjoys and has participated in Irish dance, voice, and swimming. She is also very close to achieving a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Emily loves learning (especially math), drawing, reading, and spending time with her friends and family.

JORDAN SHAFER

FREYA WIFORD has previously appeared in the CATCO Is Kids production of *Annie*. She was cast

ready to perform her speaking role in the Schoolhouse Rock Live!; however, the show was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Freya is a student at Gahanna Middle School South, where she enjoys being a member of their drama club and the Power of the Pen Club.

AUDREY YENKIN has performed in *The Madagascar Jr.* production in the role of the Old Lady on the Bus. She was also involved in a neighborhood production of *Harry Potter* directed and performed by the neighborhood kids. Audrey is looking forward to joining her middle school theater program this fall!

PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

JAMES BLACKMON (Music Director) began his theatre career 42 years ago in a local children's theatre production of The Wizard of Oz. Since then. James has developed into an awardwinning actor, director, and producer, and a nominated music director, as well. Today, James is the founder and Artistic Director of JB3Entertainment. and the Theatre Department Director at Whitehall-Yearling High School. As a professional musician for 45 years, James has performed internationally in churches, theatres, stadiums, jazz clubs, and other venues and as a piano bar entertainer for Holland America Cruise Line. James is also a past president of the Central Ohio Theatre Roundtable.

QUINTON JONES (Music Director)

is a Columbus native attending Capital University for undergrad and receiving his masters from The Ohio State University, Currently adjunct faculty at Capital University, Quinton also coordinates their study abroad program with the Kodály institute in Hungary. With degrees in both composition and piano. Quinton is an avid performer working with CATCO since 2012, as well as, playing many solo and ensemble concerts and events. Quinton is the Worship Arts Coordinator at Peace Lutheran in Gahanna, as well as, the director and former accompanist of the German Village Singers, a community choir fueling a love of music among a diverse group of musicians. Quinton has won awards for his compositions, as well as, had performances around the world. Quinton is very excited to bring his love of theory to as many young minds as

possible.

KENNY JONES (Choreographer)

CAROLINE DITTAMO (Lighting Designer) has worked in opera, theater, and music as a stage manager, master electrician, and lighting designer, both in Ohio and Kansas. Her favorite recent shows include CATCO/Evolution's Breaking the Code, CATCO is Kids' Babe, The Sheep Pig, and Evolution's The Turkey Men.

ADDITIONAL STAFF BIOS

CHRISTY FARNBAUCH (Executive Director) became CATCO's executive director in April 2020. She is a highly respected leader in central Ohio's arts and cultural sector, as well as nationwide. Her professional journey has included managing funding and programs for the Ohio Arts Council, building community partnerships for Hilliard City Schools, managing a first-of-its-kind national study of jazz audiences, and serving as executive director of an association for women business owners. She founded her consulting business in 2006 to support nonprofits and small businesses through strategic planning, board development, and fundraising. Her entrepreneurial and innovative mindset has led to the creative transformation of organizations while strengthening their governance structures. Christy holds degrees from Otterbein University in music performance and business administration.

ALEESHA NASH (Marketing Director), a Columbus native, who has experience in theatre and film directing; play and television writing; and theatre marketing, previously oversaw

audience development at The Flea Theater in New York City. Before that, she worked in marketing roles for Manhattan-based global nonprofits, collaborating with diverse stakeholders to plan and implement strategies for fundraising, recruitment, and community and government relations. In addition to writing, directing, and producing new works on Off-Broadway and Off-Off-Broadway, director and playwriting credits include Cherry Lane Theatre, the National Black Theatre, The Flea Theater, Primary Stages, The Wild Project, The Arctic Group, Goddard College, the Kraine Theatre, and the Drama League in New York City. Nash is an alumna of the Lincoln Center Directors' Lab and the Stage Directors and the Choreographers Foundation Observership Program. A graduate of Otterbein University, she also received an MA from New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, and an MFA in dramatic writing from Goddard College, where she received its Engaged Artist Award.

FRANCINE MARCHELLE (Education Director), an educator, producer,



director, actress, and singer, who has more than 20 years of youth program leadership, curriculum development, youth development, child-care, and education experience, most recently was the director of after-school and summer programming at Broad Street Presbyterian Church. She has a master's degree in educational leadership, curriculum, and instruction from the University of Phoenix, and has also led youth education initiatives at the YMCA, Crittenton Community School, and Directions for Youth and Families, where she also was the theatre director. Founder of the Achievement Retro Awards, a youth research arts project based in Atlanta, and the founder and director of Amateur Community Theater, a youth academic arts program also based in Atlanta, Marchelle has produced and directed her own staged plays, including a gospel musical love story, A Trip to God's House. an autobiographic story, For the Love of Me!, and monologues, We the People Telling Hour Story and Men on Pause.

ANDREW PROTOPAPAS (Former Education Coordinator) is an alumnus of both Capital University and CATCO's acting apprenticeship program. He holds bachelor's degrees in English literature, creative writing, and theatre studies. As an educator, Andrew has facilitated and planned workshops, classes, and residency programs in schools both inside and outside of Columbus. Apart from providing education through theatre, Andrew enjoys acting, directing, and writing for the stage.

JULIE WHITNEY-SCOTT (Artist Educator) is the Founder/Artistic Director of Mine 4 God Productions and the annual Columbus Black Theatre Festival. She is also the 2nd Vice President of Central Ohio Theatre Roundtable and has shared her theatre talents, which range from playwriting, directing, acting, teaching, mentoring, producing, backstage crew, and tech crew. Julie supports her theatre community by being in the seats of their productions. Julie is also the producer and host of WGRN. org/WGRN 94.1 FM Let's Talk Theatre

weekly radio talk show, interviewing

theatre artists from Ohio and around

the world. Julie is "excited to join the

CATCO teaching team!"

CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN (Casting Director), who graduated with a BA in theater from Otterbein University. and earned his MA in pastoral and professional counseling from Methodist Theological School in Ohio, has worked in voice-over, film. and stage productions in Ohio and abroad. His performances as Othello in Othello and John in *The Whipping Man* received critical acclaim and award recognition. He served as the emcee for CATCO's 2021 gala, and performed in CATCO's virtual productions of Short Plays Toward an Antiracist Tomorrow and A Columbus Christmas Carol last season.

SARAH MILLS BACHA (Press Representative) is a professional writer and communications/marketing consultant. As president of her own firm, SMB Communications Ltd., which she founded in 1994, she has assisted numerous national and central Ohio companies and organizations with their marketing and communications needs. Before becoming a consultant, she worked as a journalist at daily newspapers. Previous positions include business reporter at *The Columbus Dispatch* in Columbus, OH, comment page editor at *The Journal-Gazette* in Fort Wayne, IN, and stringer for *Reuters*.





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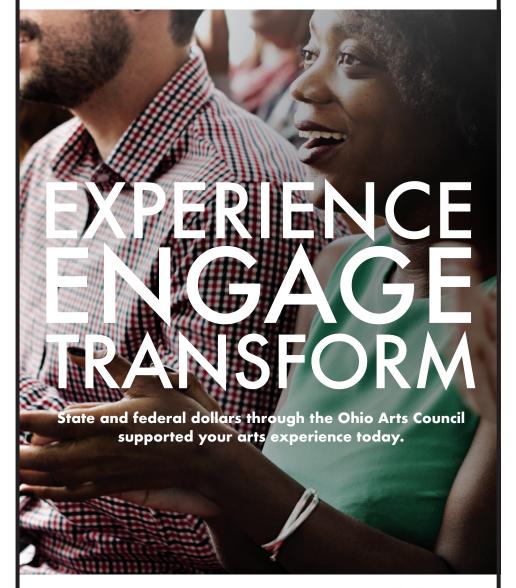
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