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### CATCO ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Ed Hofmann named new president

CATCO announced today the election of its new board leadership team for the 2022-23 season. Ed Hofmann, ASG – Chute Gerdeman, was elected president. Other members of the executive committee are Joshua Schonauer, Nationwide, vice president; Blythe Coons, Articulation, Inc., secretary; and Kathleen M. Fox, Community Strategy Partners, LLC, treasurer.

All are current board members. Hofmann was previously vice president and replaces outgoing board president Dr. Krista Hazen; Schonauer was secretary.

In addition, two new members were elected to the board: Mary Filice, PhD, Dr. Mary LLC/The Doctor's Tees, and Timothy S. Wilson, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP.

"As we begin our 2022-23 season, we are excited to have a new board leadership team aligned with our purpose of harnessing the power of theatre that's rooted in the current moment to inspire empathy across our community," said Christy Farnbauch, CATCO executive director. "Each member of the executive team, leaders in their respective industries and longtime central Ohio arts advocates, brings the necessary skills and expertise we need as we continue our recovery from the pandemic. The same is true for our new board members, Mary and Timothy."

CATCO recently announced its 2022-23 season, featuring three plays, a musical and a new works festival. The season begins Nov. 3, 2022, with *INDECENT*, Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright Paul Vogel's spirited and revolutionary love story that celebrates Yiddish language and literature. Subscriptions are available at www.catco.org/2022-23/

#### **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 into 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.** 

<u>CATCO's Vision</u>
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**

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