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CATCO Names Wendy Cave New Education Coordinator

Registration Open for CATCO Education Offerings for 2022-23 Season

CATCO announced today that Wendy Cave, longtime theatre educator and professional actor, will join the theatre as education coordinator just in time for the launch of the 2022-23 education season.

CATCO is offering engaging education programs for all ages, beginning this month, including Saturday Morning Musicals, Teen Scene Study and an Adult Acting Class. Details about each session and registration links can be found at: <https://www.catco.org/education/camps-and-classes/>

Cave has taught theatre for 20 years and is completing her master's degree in theatre education this fall. "Wendy will be a great addition to our team and brings many years of theatre instruction and professional theatre experience," said Francine Marchelle, CATCO education director.

A professional actor, Cave also has performed in and around Michigan, Ohio and Illinois. Her favorite credits include *The Baker's Wife (Into the Woods)*, *Mabel (Gershwin Revue at the Henry Ford Museum)* and *Mindy (Cedar Point Live Entertainment)*.

In her new position, Cave will serve as an instructor for the upcoming education classes.

"We can't wait to share our engaging education classes with central Ohio this fall," Marchelle said. "Our broad range of programs offers something for every age group – children, teens and adults. Common themes in all classes are sharing our passion for theatre, fostering curiosity and compassion for others, and giving participants the chance to explore their creative side."

Beginning Sept. 10 and running on consecutive Saturdays through Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-noon, CATCO will offer its well-known Saturday Morning Musicals class. Youths, ages 5-17, (5-year-olds must be enrolled in or have complete kindergarten), will spend 10 Saturday mornings building the skills necessary to become theatre professionals while adapting, devising, and performing in a musical. The cost is \$325.

Teen Scene Study (Sept. 17 through Nov. 5, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.) is an eight-week class, where students, ages 13-17, will spend Saturday afternoons exploring acting skills in two-person scenes; honing theatrical skills, such as opening scenes; being a reliable scene partner; and practicing cold reading strategies. The cost is \$325.

CATCO's Adult Acting class (for those 21 years old and up, beginners and seasoned actors), will be offered on consecutive Saturdays Sept. 17 through Nov. 5, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Participants will explore, essential acting components, including the power of imagination and character development. Through improv and monologues, participants will grow their performance and audition skills. The cost is \$325.

Next summer, CATCO's popular Youth Summer Program returns June 1-30 for students ages 5-13. Classes are held Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Topics covered include scriptwriting, performance, and production learning that will culminate into a staged production for family, friends, and the CATCO community to attend. The cost is \$625 for all five weeks (\$500 for early bird registration if purchased by May 1, 2023,) or \$125 for individual weeks.

In addition to its 2022-23 education classes, CATCO is selling subscriptions for its theatre season. Subscription information is available at <https://www.catco.org/season-pass/>

All classes will be held at the Columbus Performing Arts Center (CPAC), 549 Franklin Ave. All tuition sales are final unless minimum enrollment is not reached, in which case, that particular session will be cancelled, and refunds will be issued.

CATCO's 38th 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 theatre also is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

CATCO also appreciates the support of the Ella Richey Wells and Theodore R. Magnuson 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.

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](https://www.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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