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Seattle Children's Theatre proudly kicks off its milestone 50th Anniversary Season with the highly anticipated premiere of *Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical*, marking the beginning of a new age of exceptional theatre!

(SEATTLE, WA) – September 19, 2024 – Seattle Children's Theatre is buzzing with excitement as it prepares to unveil *Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical* on September 26, 2024, in the newly renovated Charlotte Martin Theatre. As part of SCT's 50th Anniversary Season, this vibrant sequel to the hit *Dog Man: The Musical* is set to dazzle audiences with high-energy performances and imaginative flair. Audiences can look forward to experiencing SCT's refreshed, more accessible lobbies and theatre spaces, celebrating five decades of exceptional theatre in the community.

Based on Dav Pilkey's beloved *Cat Kid Comic Club* book series, this musical masterfully brings Pilkey's playful and imaginative world to life with book and lyrics by Kevin Del Aguila and a dynamic, upbeat score by Brad Alexander. Infused with themes of teamwork, friendship, imagination, writing, and creating, *Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical* offers a joyous celebration of creativity and collaboration. The production's colorful set design, lively choreography, and engaging characters promise to enchant audiences of all ages, making it a must-see family experience that will resonate with both kids and adults alike.

Follow Cat Kid and Molly Pollywog as they lead a lively group of 21 baby frogs on a comic-creating adventure. Their creative journey is filled with hilarious mishaps and heartwarming moments as they navigate the ups and downs of their imaginative endeavors.

Kevin Malgesini, Managing Director of Seattle Children's Theatre, shares, *"We're overjoyed to welcome TheatreWorksUSA back to our stage with 'Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical.' Our ongoing partnership has been incredible, and we're proud to celebrate our 50th season with imaginative and engaging productions."*

The cast of *Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical* each take on multiple roles, featuring Janna Linae as Cat Kid and Molly, with David Vandyke as Flippy and more. Jimmy Henderson and Jeremy Fuentes play Kip and Melvin, respectively, while Diamond Destiny takes on the role of Naomi. Savannah Trotter stars as Starla and Poppy, with Leslie Baez and Troi Lennoxx Gaines serving as swings for multiple roles. The creative team includes Marlo Hunter as Director and Choreographer, with Sara Andreas as Associate Director/Choreographer. Connor Doran is the Tour Music Director, Cameron Anderson handles Scenic Design, and Jen Caprio designs costumes. Emmarose Campbell supervises props, Katie Derwin assists with props, and Colton Robertson is the Stage Manager.

Seattle Children's Theatre is excited to offer a range of **engaging experiences** and activities during this production:

- October 4, 2024: Coyote Central (Community partner, tabling before the 6:30pm performance)
- October 5, 2024: Jessixa Bagley & Aaron Bagley (Author and illustrator, tabling before the 1:30pm and 5:00pm performances); Laura Knetzger (Writer and comics artist, tabling before the 1:30pm and 5:00pm performances)
- October 6, 2024: Laura Knetzger (Tabling before the 11:00am and 2:30pm performances)
- October 11, 2024: Coyote Central (Community partner, tabling before the 6:30pm performance)
- October 12, 2024: Darin Shuler (Author and illustrator, tabling before the 1:30pm and 5:00pm performances)
- October 19, 2024: Comic Making Workshop (Available at 12:00pm and 3:30pm, requires registration)

- October 20, 2024: Read to Succeed: Book Swap before each performance
- October 26, 2024: Colleen Frakes (Writer and comics artist, tabling before the 1:30pm performance)
- October 27, 2024: Colleen Frakes (Tabling before the 11:00am and 2:30pm performances)

Low-cost Tickets and Additional Performances:

SCT for ALL Under SCT for ALL, SCT provides low-cost and free tickets to young people and any family who express need. To book tickets simply call (206) 441-3322 or email **the Ticket Office** and set any price for any upcoming show in the 22-23 Season.

Sensory Sensitive Performance- Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 11:00am

SCT's Sensory Friendly performance incorporates special modifications to accommodate children and families with sensory needs. Learn more about Sensory Friendly Performances here.

ASL Interpreted and Audio Described Performances

ASL Interpreted Performance: Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 1:30pm, Audio Described Performance: Sunday, October 27, at 2:30pm.

Central to Seattle Children's Theatre's mission is a commitment to serving diverse communities including those who are deaf and hard of hearing and who have low vision or blindness. Tickets for ASL/AD performances are available throughout the season online or through the Ticket Office at <u>tickets@sct.org</u> or (206) 441-3322.

For Calendar Editors:

What: SCT presents-*Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical*A TheaterWorksUSA Production
Book and Lyrics by Kevin Del Aguila
Music by Brad Alexander
Adapted from the *Cat Kid Comic Club* series of books by Dav Pilkey
Where: SCT's (newly renovated) Charlotte Martin Theatre
When: September 26 - October 27, 2024
Cost: Tickets range \$25-\$50 on sct.org
Approx 60 minutes, no intermission | Recommended for Ages 6+

About SCT:

Founded in 1975, and now celebrating the 50*th* Anniversary Season, SCT is currently led by Artistic Director Idris Goodwin and Managing Director Kevin Malgesini. SCT is the leading generator of new works for young people and their communities and a primary provider of theater education in the Puget Sound, reaching over 130,000 individuals annually. For the 50*th* Anniversary SCT celebrates the good humans who create, connect, learn, work, volunteer, donate and believe in the power of theatre for young people. People like you.

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