



Contact: Colleen Manzi  
Telephone: (603) 357-2100 x208  
Email: [cmanzi@moco.org](mailto:cmanzi@moco.org)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 1, 2018



## MoCo Arts Kicks-off Expanded Performance Season

*(Keene, NH)* - The performance season at MoCo Arts is about to begin, with the first two performances taking place in their new black box, *The Founder's Theatre*. Audiences are invited to enjoy MoCo Arts' very first straight play on November 11<sup>th</sup> with the Elementary School Theatre production of "*The Jungle Book*." Then on November 18<sup>th</sup> the MoCo Arts Elementary Musical Theatre students will perform "*Disney's The Aristocats KIDS*."

"The kids are so excited to perform in the new black box. They've been working hard every week, and are ready to put on a spectacular performance," says Abigail Gill, Director of the Elementary School Musical. "This is a truly remarkable group of kids!"

Both performances feature children in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, all of whom have been rehearsing weekly since the beginning of September. MoCo Arts' diverse Theatre Program offers students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> opportunities to participate in musicals, straight plays and workshops. Students work together with the directors to develop character, learn stage direction and memorize lines for each production. Tuition assistance is available. Come out and show your support of these amazing kids, while enjoying a family-friendly afternoon full of laughs in the beautiful new black box, *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts on Roxbury Street. Details for each performance are as follows:

**Date:** November 11th

**Times:** 1:00pm & 4:00pm

**Location:** *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts

**Description:** In this adaptation of Kipling's famous stories, the beat of a drum and the cry of a wolf give way to the sounds of the ferocious tiger Shere Khan, hunting his latest prey. But as the wolf pack gathers, they discover that he is hunting a human child, and they quickly rescue the infant Mowgli from the tiger's teeth. Mother and Father Wolf adopt the small man-cub, and with the protection of Bagheera, the panther, and the teachings of Baloo the bear, Mowgli lives peacefully with the wolves. But as he outwits a band of jesting monkeys, escapes from a hypnotic python and learns the Laws of the Jungle, he will not be able to escape his inevitable showdown with Shere Khan.

**Date:** November 18th

**Times:** 1:00pm & 4:00pm

**Location:** *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts

**Description:** Based on the beloved Disney animated film, and featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, '*Disney's The*



*Transforming Lives Through Movement and Creative Expression*

*Aristocats KIDS'* is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns. In the heart of Paris, a kind and eccentric millionairess wills her entire estate to Duchess, her high-society cat, and her three little kittens. Laughs and adventure ensue as the greedy, bumbling butler pulls off the ultimate catnap caper. Now it's up to the rough-and-tumble alley cat, Thomas O'Malley, and his band of swingin' jazz cats to save the day.

Tickets for both performances are \$10 per person for General Admission, and are on sale now at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street in Keene. Call (603) 357-2100 or visit [www.moco.org](http://www.moco.org) for more information.

MoCo Arts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, multi-arts educational organization located in downtown Keene offering dance and theatre classes and multi-arts vacation and summer camps for children ages 18 months to 18+ years. As part of the educational process, MoCo Arts provides professional quality performance experience for students and family-friendly performances for audiences of all ages throughout the year. MoCo welcomes all students, beginners through advanced, and tuition assistance is available. MoCo Arts is sponsored in part by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information please visit MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431 or [www.moco.org](http://www.moco.org)

Photo caption: *MoCo Arts' Elementary Theatre Students rehearsing for their performance of "The Jungle Book"*

###