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MoCo Arts Advanced Dancers to Perform Annual Gem, *Time to Dance*



Keene, NH – MoCo Arts School of Dance students are preparing for their annual repertory showcase, *Time to Dance*, which will take place in *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street in Keene on Saturday, March 16th at 3pm and 7pm, and on Sunday, March 17th at 2pm.

An annual gem, *Time to Dance* is an energetic, emotional and unique show comprised of original pieces choreographed by the talented MoCo Arts teaching artists and performed by MoCo's advanced dancers. Incorporating several different styles including ballet, hip hop, modern, tap and jazz, this must-see performance is a true celebration of dance. The intimate setting of

MoCo's black box, *The Founder's Theatre* allows the audience to experience a full range of emotions - from the warmly human to the woefully melancholy; from wickedly funny to deeply moving and everything in between.

"The variety of pieces in *Time to Dance* makes it one of my favorite shows to perform in," says Lily Bond, a senior at Keene High School who has been dancing at MoCo since she was 3 years old. "I love performing in this show because the teachers and choreographers have that extra freedom to create something unique and powerful that the audience may not experience in the same way as other dance shows at MoCo." As a senior, this will be Lily's final rep show with MoCo Arts. "It's sad that this is my last *Time to Dance*. But that only makes me want to work even harder to make it the best I can."

MoCo Arts' dance program offers instruction in several disciplines to children in grades 2nd to 12th. Children as young as 18 months can participate in MoCo's Creative Dance classes where they can explore the arts through creative movement and play. Each program culminates in a professional quality performance, and all students who participate in a class at MoCo are given the opportunity to perform if they choose.

Tickets for *Time to Dance* are \$14.00 for general admission, and can be purchased at MoCo Arts, or by calling (603) 357-2100. For more details about this performance, or to learn more about MoCo Arts, visit them online at www.moco.org.

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

Photo caption: *MoCo Arts School of Dance students perform in Time to Dance, 2018. Photo by Steve Holmes Photography.*

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