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## MoCo Arts Dance Students to Perform in Star Cast Ballet at Redfern Arts Center



(Keene, NH) –MoCo Arts announces that five of their students have been invited to perform at the Redfern Arts Center in [DANCE YaNOWsky](#), an evening of ballet by award-winning Boston Ballet choreographer, Yury Yanowsky. The performance will kick off the fall season at the Redfern on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm in the Main Theatre, and will feature a mixed repertory of dance pieces choreographed by Yanowsky that blend ballet and contemporary dance. MoCo students Georgia Bittenbender, Lily Bond, Sarah Hansel, Eliza Holmes, and Meeghan Somerset will be performing a special dance piece titled *Origins*. Each of them are excited to be part of what is sure to be a memorable experience, as they share the stage with internationally renowned dancers and performers.

“We’re thrilled that our students have the opportunity to participate in this production,” says Reagan Messer, Executive Director and Artistic Director of Dance at MoCo Arts. “This kind of experience is really invaluable. It offers them a new perspective, and will deepen their understanding of what it takes to be a professional dancer.”

Each of the students performing in the September show have been studying dance at MoCo for several years, and have advanced to the upper levels through hard work and dedication. This performance marks a significant milestone in their education and their enthusiasm is palpable. “I’m so excited to have the chance to perform with professional dancers of this caliber,” says Meeghan Somerset, who began dancing at MoCo when she was just 2 years old. “I know I’m going to learn a lot!”

This is not the first time that MoCo Arts has partnered with Yury Yanowsky. Yanowsky and Messer have known each other for many years, having danced together at Boston Ballet. Patrons of the Redfern may recall him as the Cavalier in MoCo’s rendition of *The Nutcracker*. Yanowsky will return again this year to perform in MoCo’s *The Nutcracker* at Redfern Arts Center with four showings taking place the 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of December. Tickets will go on sale in late October. To view MoCo’s entire 2018-2019 performance schedule, visit [www.moco.org](http://www.moco.org).

Tickets for **DANCE YaNOWsky** range from \$30 to \$7 for KSC students, and \$25 to \$7 for KSC students for the **UCB Touring Company** show. For tickets, call the Redfern Box Office at 603-358-2168 or order online at [keene.edu/arts/redfern](http://keene.edu/arts/redfern).

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: Yury Yanowsky rehearses with MoCo students in preparation for their performance in Dance YaNOWsky on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Redfern

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