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Heartfelt Thanks from MoCo Arts, Named '2018 Business of the Year'



KEENE, NH -- On Thursday, January 10th at the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala, MoCo Arts was awarded the 2018 Windsor Brooks Business of the Year Award. The 25+ year old nonprofit arts education organization offers instruction in dance and theatre, as well as multi-arts camps for children ages 18 months to 18+ years. The organization was commended for their work in making the arts accessible to all children in the region, and for helping to breathe new life into downtown Keene with the opening of their new 17,000 square foot facility on Roxbury Street, which includes three full-sized studios and a spacious black box, *The Founder's Theatre*. There to represent MoCo Arts was Reagan Messer, Executive Director and Artistic Director of Dance.

"This is such an honor," says Messer. "We are truly grateful to everyone involved." He went on to note that without the dedication of the wonderful MoCo Arts teachers and staff, as well as the families, donors, sponsors and volunteers who so graciously support the organization and their mission to *"transform lives through movement and creative*

expression," this would not have been possible. "On behalf of all of us at MoCo Arts, thank you!"

MoCo Arts has worked hard over the years to ensure that the arts are accessible to all children, regardless of socio-economic background. This year they will award over \$70,000 in tuition assistance, provide free admission to several of their performances through their Community Stars Seats program (sponsored in part by C&S Wholesale Grocers and The Main Street America Group) and will continue to offer high quality arts education thanks to the support and generosity of this great community.

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 High School students hold the 2018 Windsor Brooks Business of the Year Award, which MoCo Arts received at the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala on Thursday, January 10, 2019. Photo by Colleen Manzi.

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