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MoCo Arts Announces Expanded 2018 - 2019 Season Featuring Musicals, Plays, and Dance



(Keene, NH) – More theatre, more dancing, more fun! With the completion of their brand-new arts education facility on Roxbury Street, MoCo Arts is pleased to announce an expanded performance season with even more family-friendly musical theatre, plays, and dance performances.

November 11, 2018 – MoCo Arts Elementary Play Presents ‘The Jungle Book’. – Deep in the jungle Mowgli is a man-cub raised by Mother and Father Wolf. Surrounded by animal friends including Bagheera the Panther and Baloo the bear, Mowgli lives peacefully until he encounters the ferocious tiger Shere Khan. ‘The Jungle Book’ is performed by MoCo Arts students’ 2nd – 5th grade at MoCo’s new black box, The Founder’s Theatre.

November 18, 2018 - MoCo Arts Elementary Musical Theatre Presents ‘The Aristocats KIDS’ – In the heart of Paris, a kind and eccentric millionaire 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. ‘The Aristocats KIDS’ is performed by MoCo Arts students’ 2nd – 5th grade at MoCo’s new black box, The Founder’s Theatre.

December 2, 2018 - MoCo Arts Middle School Play Presents ‘The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe’ - Set in the magical land of Narnia, the show faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia. ‘The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe’ is performed by MoCo Arts students’ 6th – 8th grade at MoCo’s new black box, The Founder’s Theatre.

December 9, 2018 - MoCo Arts Middle School Musical Presents ‘Willy Wonka Jr.’ – Charlie Bucket is a likeable young lad who, along with four other children, discover 5 golden tickets hidden by enigmatic candy maker Willy Wonka, winning a free tour of the Wonka factory. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka’s rules in the factory – or suffer the consequences. ‘Willy Wonka Jr.’ is performed by MoCo Arts students’ 6th – 8th grade at MoCo’s new black box, The Founder’s Theatre.



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December 14 – 16, 2018 - MoCo Arts School of Dance Presents 'The Nutcracker'– It's a cozy Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum's house, and two young children Fritz and Clara are preparing for a party. When the toymaker Drosselmeyer arrives he brings the children gifts. Clara receives the best present of all, a Nutcracker. 'The Nutcracker' is performed by MoCo dancers' 2nd – 12th grade at the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College.

January 5 – 6, 2019 - MoCo Arts High School Play Presents 'Our Town' – Follow the Gibbs and Webb families, residents of Grover's Corner, New Hampshire, through twelve years of life changes in the Monadnock Region – from the mundane, to the romantic, to the devastating. 'Our Town' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 9th – 12th grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

January 13, 2019 - MoCo Arts Storytime Theatre Presents 'Oh, Say Did You See?'– Grab your camera and head out on a grand American road trip! 'Oh, Say Did You See?' is an original musical written especially for Storytime Theatre that brings audience all over the United States, visiting some of the many National Parks in our beautiful county. 'Oh, Say Did You See?' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 4 yrs – 2nd grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

January 19 – 20, 2019 - MoCo Arts High School Musical Presents 'Footloose'– Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn't prepared for are the severe local edicts, including a ban on dancing, instituted by the local preacher determined to exercise the control over the town's youth that he does not command in his own home. 'Footloose' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 9th – 12th grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

March 16 – 17, 2019 - MoCo Arts School of Dance Presents 'Time To Dance' - An annual gem, *Time To Dance* is an energetic, emotional and unique show of original pieces choreographed by the highly-regarded MoCo Arts teaching staff and performed by MoCo's advanced dancers at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

March 31, 2019 - MoCo Arts Elementary Play Presents 'A Mother Goose Comedy' - The world-famous, fun-loving Mother Goose is now retired and living in Mother Goose Resort Spa, where she has time to keep active and pursue her favorite hobbies. She's really into sports and fitness! She gets tweets and texts, and even letters, from children all over the world who want to know how she got the ideas for her nursery rhymes. 'A Mother Goose Comedy' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 2nd – 5th grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

April 7, 2019 - MoCo Arts Elementary Musical Theatre Presents 'Compose Yourself!' - Join the fun as a group of kids meet some of the great composers of the past in this 40-minute musical for young performers. 'Compose Yourself!' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 2nd – 5th grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

April 14, 2019 - MoCo Arts Middle School Play Presents 'School Daze' - Middle school is the tricky tightrope between being a kid and being a teenager. How did you fare? Did you fall off the tightrope? Did you hold on? See the characters in 'School Daze' try to keep their balance on the first day of middle school. 'School Daze' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 6th – 8th grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

May 4 - 5, 2019 - MoCo Arts High School Musical Presents 'Legally Blonde Jr.' - When Elle's high school boyfriend, Warner, dumps her and heads to Harvard, claiming she's not "serious" enough, Elle takes matters into her own hands, crafting a showy song-and-dance personal essay and charming her way into law school. 'Legally Blonde Jr.' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 9th – 12th grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.

May 12, 2019 - MoCo Arts Middle School Musical Presents 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.' - When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach. James climbs into this magical peach and rolls into the ocean, launching a journey of enormous proportions. 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.' is performed by MoCo Arts students' 6th – 8th grade at MoCo's new black box, The Founder's Theatre.



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May 17 – 18, 2019 - MoCo Arts High School Play Presents ‘You Can’t Take it With You.’ - At first the Sycamores seem mad, but it is not long before we realize that if they are mad, the rest of the world is madder. We see how Tony, attractive young son of the unhappy Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore and brings his parents to dine at the Sycamore home. The shock sustained by the Kirbys shows Alice that marriage with Tony is out of the question. ‘*You Can’t Take it With You*’ is performed by MoCo Arts students’ 9th – 12th grade at MoCo’s new black box, The Founder’s Theatre.

June 1 - 2, 2019 - MoCo Arts School of Dance Presents ‘Beauty and the Beast.’ - It’s a tale as old as time, the classic story of an arrogant prince who is cursed to live as a terrifying beast until he finds true love. When a clockmaker finds himself captured by the beast, his loyal daughter Belle takes his place in the castle. Belle and the Beast begin to fall for one another, with help from his enchanted servants. ‘*Beauty and the Beast*’ is performed by MoCo Arts dancers’ 2nd – 12th grade at the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College.

June 8 - 9 2019 - MoCo Arts Presents The Creative Dance Festival – A celebratory weekend of performances featuring MoCo’s youngest performers (some just 3 years old!) showcasing for family and friends all of the dance technique and social skills they have learned over the semester. The Creative Dance Festival is performed by MoCo Arts youngest dancers’ 3 yrs – 2nd grade, at MoCo’s new black box, The Founder’s Theatre.

June 15, 2019 - MoCo Arts Storytime Theatre Presents ‘Rainbow Fish’ - The Rainbow Fish has all sorts of colors; blue, green, purple and silver. One day a small fish asks if he can have one of the precious silver scales, but in a very rude manner the Rainbow Fish refuses. The Rainbow Fish must learn to share his beauty with his friends or he may not continue to be so beautiful. ‘*Rainbow Fish*’ is performed by MoCo Arts students’ 4 yrs – 2nd grade at MoCo’s new black box, The Founder’s Theatre.

To perform, students must be registered in the appropriate class. Registration is now open for all Fall classes; call MoCo Arts at 603-357-2100 or visit 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. Funding for MoCo Arts is provided 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, 76 Railroad Street (*soon!*) 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431 or www.moco.org

Photo caption: “MoCo’s 2019 to include ‘*The Nutcracker*’ (pictured), ‘*Legally Blonde Jr.*’, ‘*Rainbow Fish*’, and ‘*James and the Giant Peach Jr.*’”

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