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MoCo's Creative Dance Festival Presents 'I'm A Bunny'



(Keene, NH) – MoCo's youngest dancers perform for family and friends in the 2018 Creative Dance Festival: *I'm A Bunny* on June 9th & 10th at the MoCo Arts Black Box Theatre in Keene. The Creative Dance Festival is a celebratory weekend of performances by MoCo's youngest dancers, some just 3 years old! Students are introduced to the exhilarating world of performing arts in our intimate Black Box Theatre. After each performance, the festivities continue on the front lawn, including games, face painting, refreshments and more.

"Our young dancers have been working hard since January, learning all of the fun dances for this show," says Danielle Fitzpatrick, Artistic Director of Young Arts at MoCo Arts. "We spend time together each week learning dance steps, listening to the music, and learning how to work together to put on the show."

Based on the book *I Am a Bunny* by Ole Risom, dancers tell the story of a bunny who travels through the four seasons and experiences the wonder that they bring. These young students interpret the story through creative movement based on many styles of dance, all while having a lot of fun on stage with their friends.

"This performance is a gentle introduction to performing on stage with fun costumes, bright lights, and a cheering audience," says Fitzpatrick. "Our Black Box Theatre is smaller, giving young children a successful experience on stage, encouraging them to continue to participate for years to come."

Creative Dance at MoCo is a nurturing and inclusive program that begins for children as early as 18 months. Students develop their creativity, cooperation skills and self-awareness through play, imagination and fun. This summer students are invited to participate in Creative Dance for kids 3 yrs – 2nd grade or one of MoCo's multi-art summer camps. In the fall, classes begin in September in MoCo's new arts education facility on Roxbury Street where expanded programming options including more weekday and weekend options of Creative Dance will be available. *Stay tuned!*

For a full list of performance times of the Creative Dance Festival *I'm A Bunny* visit www.moco.org or call MoCo Arts at 603-357-2100. Tickets for *I'm A Bunny* are \$10 general. To purchase tickets, please visit the MoCo Arts front desk or call (603) 357-2100. *Im A Bunny* is sponsored in part by C&S Wholesale Grocers.



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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, Keene, NH 03431 or www.moco.org

Photo caption 'MoCo_CDF1' : "Grady Caraballo and Ivy Dunton dance together in Creative Dance for preschoolers."

Photo caption 'MoCo_CDF2' : "Maya Bosk and Jillian McCans practice choreography for the Creative Dance Festival."

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