

Transforming Lives Through Movement and Creative Expression

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Register for Fall Classes in MoCo's *NEW* Arts Education Facility on Roxbury Street







(Keene, NH) — Registration is now open for fall semester classes at MoCo Arts! This will be the first semester in MoCo's brand new arts education facility on Roxbury Street in Keene. MoCo will offer an expanded class schedule, including a new high school straight play class taught and directed by the popular Peterborough Players actors' Bridget Beirne and Tom Frey, and additional class times in Dance and Young Arts for children as young as 18 months. Fall classes start September 4. Register early to secure your spot. For a complete schedule of classes and performances visit www.moco.org, stop by our studios, or call 603-357-2100. Tuition Assistance is available.

Dance is for *everybody* and MoCo Arts offers dance classes for everyone regardless of age or ability, beginner through advanced. Participate in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and modern dance. All students in dance classes have the opportunity to participate in professional quality productions, but no student is required to perform. New this year for enrolled dance students, is Dance Conditioning for high school students. This class is designed to strengthen bodies and improve dance technique. The focus will be on improving coordination, balance, alignment, strength, and flexibility for dancers. The School of Dance will perform the Holiday classic *'The Nutcracker'* in December, there are many opportunities for kids of all skill levels to take part in this exciting performance.

MoCo's Theatre program invites kids 2nd grade – 12th grade to take part in Musical Theatre, Improv Workshops, and the NEW Technical Theatre Workshops and Straight Play classes. The Musical and Straight Theatre programs are now divided into three groups: Elementary for kids 2nd – 5th grade, Middle School for kids 6th – 8th grade, and High School for kids 9th – 12th grade. The Musical and Straight Play classes conclude with professional quality performances in the new Black Box, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts. Improv Workshop is a form of live theatre where the plot, characters, and dialogue of a game, scene or story is made up in the moment. Technical Theatre Workshop is a unique and fun opportunity for students to go behind the scenes and learn the elements used to put on a stage production. For a full performance schedule visit www.moco.org.

For the youngest students, MoCo's Young Arts program offers age appropriate classes in theatre and dance. Creative Dance introduces children as young as 18 months to the fundamentals of dance while honoring their own creative way of moving. Storytime Theatre is a Musical Theatre class for children ages 4 yrs through 2nd grade where everyone gets a part. Additional Creative Dance classes have been added offering families more weekday and Saturday class options to fit your schedule. Storytelling Through Music gives young children the chance to have fun, be creative, and burn off some extra energy accompanied by live music.

To register for classes call MoCo Arts at 603-357-2100, or visit the current studios at 76 Railroad Street through August 18. Beginning August 20, MoCo's front desk will be operating at 40 Roxbury Street to accept class registrations and inquiries.



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Tuition Assistance is available towards all MoCo Arts classes and camps, awards are based on the financial need of each applicant. Applying is easy, visit www.moco.org to download a Tuition Assistance application, or pick one up at our front desk. The Tuition Assistance application deadline for fall programs is August 15.

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_Theatre': "Frankie Harlow as a toy bear in 'The Velveteen Rabbit'."

Photo caption 'MoCo_Young-Arts': "Harrison Glover dances with joy in the Creative Dance Festival."

Photo caption 'MoCo Nutcracker': "Rebecca Redfield leaps as a flower in 'The Nutcracker'."

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