

Talent surrounds us in the Monadnock Region, by Rudy Fedrizzi

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Our community should take great pride in the recent performances of “The Nutcracker” by MoCo Arts. This year’s professional-quality shows at the Keene State College Redfern Arts Center featured more than 160 student performers from ages 7 to 18 and two stars from the Boston Ballet. On behalf of the MoCo Arts Board of Directors I wish to thank the many performers, parents, volunteers, staff, sponsors, donors and audience members that make this biennial holiday tradition possible.

The arts enrich all of our lives by reminding us of the joy, beauty, imagination, cooperation and talent that surround us. As a nonprofit arts education organization, MoCo Arts helps children throughout the Monadnock Region build skills, self-confidence and positive relationships. The MoCo Arts’ mission to transform lives through movement and creative expression is achieved every day in our studios and vacation camps, but also through our outreach programs in schools, child care centers, and Keene Housing. By providing more than \$60,000 in yearly tuition assistance we keep the MoCo Arts experience accessible to all children regardless of their family circumstances.

Disneyland calls itself the “Happiest Place on Earth.” But if you were fortunate enough to see the faces of our young performers, our teachers, and the audience members then you know that for a couple of days this past month we might claim that title for our community.

I hope that in 2015 MoCo Arts will have the opportunity to transform the lives of all in the Monadnock Region for the better.

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