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OHMIGOD you guys! MoCo Arts' High School Musical Theatre students to, like, present *Legally Blonde JR.*



MoCo Arts High School Musical Theatre students from left to right: Mia Hennum, Paeton Ward and Georgia Gempler rehearse the opening number for Legally Blonde JR. Photo by Colleen Manzi

KEENE, NH -- MoCo Arts High School Musical Theatre students will have you thinking pink when they present their production of *Legally Blonde JR.* on May 4th and 5th in *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts. The fun and upbeat musical follows the adventures of a sorority girl named Elle Woods – a Gemini with a double Capricorn moon – who tries to win her ex-boyfriend back by earning a Harvard law degree. Featuring some big, energetic dance numbers, the show will be performed by MoCo students in grades 9th-12th.

"It's been so fun to be able to work on this show with such energetic and

supportive people," said Eliza Holmes, a junior at Keene High School. "I've been lucky to be able to play the role of Elle: a sassy, determined young woman who does not let anyone bring her down. This show is full of funny lines, and I think the audience will not be able to contain their laughter!"

Delta Nu sorority president Elle Woods seems to have it all: good looks, a relationship with the "campus catch," and great taste in clothes. However, her life is turned upside-down when her boyfriend, Warner, dumps her in an attempt to start getting "serious" about his future and attend Harvard Law. Determined to win him back, Elle uses a lot of hard work and some charm to get into Harvard Law so she can prove to Warner that she's serious enough for him. Once at school, she is challenged by her peers, professors and her ex, but with the help of some new friends, Elle realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

With a book by Heather Hach, music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, *Legally Blonde JR.* is based on the book by Amanda Brown and the hit Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture starring Reese Witherspoon, which was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture: Musical or Comedy. *Legally Blonde the Musical* opened at Broadway's Palace Theatre in April 2007, starring Laura Bell Bundy as the iconic Elle Woods.

MoCo Arts' High School Musical Theatre students will present *Legally Blonde JR.* on Saturday, May 4th at 2pm and 7pm, and on Sunday, May 5th at 2pm in *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street in Keene. Tickets are \$14 for general admission and can be purchased at MoCo Arts, or by calling (603) 357-2100. There is no dress code, but please don't wear white after Labor Day.



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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. 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

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