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MoCo Arts to host C.A.K.E. Festival Week – A Multi-Arts Extravaganza



KEENE, NH – The stage is set for MoCo Arts' annual week-long celebration of the arts, C.A.K.E. Festival Week. Presented by Creative Arts at Keene Summer Camp, Festival Week begins on Monday, July 22nd and runs through Saturday, July 27th. Each day of Festival Week will include a different creative arts event featuring the work of campers in grades 3-12. The week builds to a climactic end with the two main events being *C.A.K.E. Festival Day* at The Colonial Theatre on Thursday, July 25 at 4:00pm, and the C.A.K.E. Musical Theatre Senior Class production of *Roald Dahl's Matilda* at *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts on Friday, July 26 at 7pm, and Saturday, July 27 at 2pm and 7pm.

Creative Arts at Keene (C.A.K.E.) is MoCo Arts' award-winning multi-arts summer camp in downtown Keene. Campers explore the arts by choosing their own classes in visual arts, creative writing, dance, theatre, music, technical theatre, video production and more. Camp runs for four weeks, this year from July 1 – July 27 and culminates in Festival Week where all camper work produced over the course of camp is put on display. The schedule for this year's Festival Week is quite different than previous years and includes several opportunities to support aspiring young artists and arts education.

Monday, July 22 at 6pm in *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts campers in the One Act Play Senior Class will present *An Exploration* - a serious examination of human connections, emotions and relationships presented through a collection of scenes from various bodies of work. Featuring campers in grades 6-12, the play is rated PG-13, and is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, July 23 at 6pm in *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts campers in the Musical Theatre Junior Class will present *A 'Jukebox Style' Musical* – an original production written by the campers in the class, assisted and inspired by their teacher. Featuring campers in grades 3-5, this event is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, July 24 from 4:00-5:30pm is the *Festival Eve Art Gala* at MoCo Arts. This event will showcase all of the visual arts created by campers in a gallery style exhibition, and a cabaret style musical performance. The cooking classes will provide some homemade treats during the gala as well, showcasing what they've learned with some creative and mouth-watering recipes. This event is free and open to the public.

Thursday, July 25 from 4:00-5:30pm is *C.A.K.E. Festival Day* at The Colonial Theatre. Campers who participated in any of the many performing arts classes during camp will have the opportunity to share their work in music production, singing, dance and theatre. Tickets for Festival Day are \$5.00 and are available at The Colonial Theatre box office, (603) 352-2033, and at MoCo Arts, (603) 357-2100.



The week ends with the C.A.K.E. Musical Theatre Senior Class production of *Roald Dahl's Matilda* on Friday, July 26 at 7pm and Saturday, July 27th at 2pm and 7pm in *The Founder's Theatre* at MoCo Arts. Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, this Tony Award-winning musical is the captivating masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare Company that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs and an unforgettable star turn for a young actress, *Matilda* is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination. *Matilda* will be performed by campers in grades 6-12. Tickets are \$10 and are available at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street in Keene, or by calling (603) 357-2100.

For more information about MoCo Arts, C.A.K.E. Summer Camp or Festival Week, 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. 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

Photo caption: *The finale of C.A.K.E. Festival Week 2018. Photo by Katie Day.*

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