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## A Tale as Old as Time, MoCo Arts' Spring Dance Show "Beauty and the Beast" Comes to the Redfern



KEENE – MoCo Arts returns to the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College with their production of *Beauty and the Beast* on Saturday, June 1st at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday, June 2nd at 2pm.

It's a tale as old as time, the classic story of an arrogant prince who is cursed to live as a terrifying beast until he finds true love. When a clockmaker finds himself captured by the beast, his loyal daughter Belle takes his place in the castle. Belle and the Beast begin to fall for one another, with a little help from his enchanted servants.

"Dance & reading are 2 of my favorite things, so I feel like I can really connect with the character," says Meeghan Somerset, a senior at Monadnock Regional High School who is playing the part of Belle in the show. "It has been particularly meaningful for me to be cast in this role for my senior year."

The performance is choreographed by the talented teachers of MoCo Arts and performed by MoCo Arts dancers in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Family and friends of all ages will enjoy this lively show featuring a wide range of dance styles including ballet, tap, jazz,

modern and hip hop.

*Beauty and the Beast* is being sponsored in part by True North Networks. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$14 for children and seniors, and can be purchased at the Redfern box office, by calling (603) 358-2168, or online at <http://keene.universitickets.com>. For more information about MoCo Arts and their award-winning dance and theatre programs, visit them online at [www.moco.org](http://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](http://www.moco.org)

Photo caption: Meeghan Somerset (Belle) and Will Huntley (Prince/Beast) Photo by Steve Holmes Photography.

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