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MoCo Arts Announces 2019/2020 Performance Season

KEENE, NH – MoCo Arts has announced their 2019/2020 season which includes family-friendly musicals, plays and dance performances featuring students from age 4 through grade 12. Now in their second year of operations in their new building on Roxbury Street, MoCo will host the majority of its performances this year in their own black box, The Founder's Theatre, with their two big dance shows taking place at the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College. Visit www.moco.org for more information.

MoCo Arts Elementary Play – *Red vs. The Wolf* **Performed by students in grades 2-5**

The Story: We've all heard the story of Little Red Riding Hood. But how often has it been told from the Wolf's point of view? He's determined to tell the story of the TRUE nature of Red Riding Hood.

Performances: Sunday, November 10 at 2pm & 4pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts Elementary Musical – *Disney's The Lion King KIDS* **Performed by students in grades 2-5**

The Story: The African savannah comes to life on stage with Simba, Rafiki and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle... and back again.

Performances: Sunday, November 17 at 2pm & 4pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts Middle School Play – *Alice in Wonderland* **Performed by students in grades 6-8**

The Story: Alice plunges down the rabbit hole and becomes involved in that madcap and deliciously satiric series of adventures immortalized by Lewis Carroll.

Performances: Sunday, December 8 at 2pm & 4:30pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts Middle School Musical – *Disney's Frozen JR.* **Performed by students in grades 6-8**

The Story: When faced with danger, princesses Anna and Elsa discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood.

Performances: Saturday, December 14 at 7pm and Sunday, December 15 at 2pm & 4:30pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts



MoCo Arts High School Musical – *A Christmas Carol*

Performed by students in grades 9-12

The Story: Ebenezer Scrooge, a prosperous curmudgeon, is forced to face his selfish ways when three ghosts on Christmas Eve lead him through his Past, Present, and Future.

Performances: Saturday, December 21 at 7pm and Sunday, December 22 at 2pm & 5pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts High School Play – *The Crucible*

Performed by students in grades 9-12

The Story: This exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in Olde Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society.

Performances: Saturday, January 11 at 7pm and Sunday, January 12 at 2pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts School of Dance – *Time to Dance*

Performed by students in grades 2-12

An energetic and unique show of original pieces choreographed by the talented MoCo Arts staff and performed by MoCo's advanced dancers.

Performances: January 18 at 2pm & 7pm, Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College

MoCo Arts Storytime Theatre – *Chicken Soup with Rice and Other Stories*

Performed by students ages 4 years through grade 2

The Story: Based on the beloved books in the Nutshell Library by Maurice Sendak, this 45-minute musical theatre presentation is filled with songs and dances!

Performances: Sunday, January 19 at 2pm & 4pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts School of Dance – *Young Choreographer's Showcase*

A unique showcase featuring original pieces both choreographed and performed by MoCo Arts students.

Performances: Saturday, March 21 at 7pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts Elementary Play – *Bag of Fables*

Performed by students in grades 2-5

The Story: This collection of fables presents Aesop with an attitude!

Performances: Sunday, March 29 at 2pm & 4pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts Elementary Musical – *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon*

Performed by students in grades 2-5

The Story: Jack and Annie's tree house takes them to an exotic island with pirates where they search for buried treasure.

Performances: Sunday, April 5 at 2pm & 4pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts Middle School Play – *Something's Rotten in the State of Denmark*

Performed by students in grades 6-8

The Story: From the mysterious council of rabbits to Hamlet covering up Polonius' death with ventriloquism, this comedy is sure to be a hit with the whole family!

Performances: Saturday, April 11 at 3pm & 5:30pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts High School Musical – *RENT School Edition*

Performed by students in grades 9-12

The Story: Set in the East Village of New York City, a story about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today.

Performances: Saturday, May 2 at 3pm & 7pm and Sunday, May 3 at 2pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts



**MoCo Arts Middle School Musical – *How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons on How Not to be a Grown Up*
Performed by students in grades 6-8**

The Story: A musical romp through the joys and sorrows of being a child.

Performances: Sunday, May 10 at 2pm & 4:30pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts School of Dance – *The Little Mermaid*

Performed by students in grades 2-12

The Story: The classic tale of a mermaid who dreams of the world above the sea and gives up her voice to find love.

Performances: Saturday, May 30 at 2pm & 7pm and Sunday, May 31 at 2pm, the Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College

MoCo Arts Creative Dance Festival

Performed by students age 3 through grade 2

A celebratory weekend of performances featuring MoCo's youngest performers.

Performances: Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

MoCo Arts Storytime Theatre – *Peter Rabbit & Friends*

Performed by students age 4 through grade 2

The Story: Based on the books by Beatrix Potter.

Performances: Saturday, June 13 at 2pm & 4pm, The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

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: A precious moment during MoCo Arts' Storytime Theatre production, "Oh Say Did You See" – January 2019. Photo by Colleen Manzi.

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