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MoCo Arts' NHDl Student Scholarship Awarded



KEENE, NH –Each year, MoCo Arts awards a merit-based scholarship to one student of the New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDl) which covers the cost of tuition to 2 dance classes at MoCo during the fall and spring semesters of a given year (a \$1140 value.) The scholarship is just one of the ways that MoCo Arts and NHDl collaborate to help bring the joy of dance to children throughout the Monadnock region. 2019 marks the 6th year that this scholarship has been in place, and there's no doubt the tradition will continue for many years to come.

“MoCo is thrilled to work with NHDl on this scholarship,” says Reagan Messer, Executive Director and Artistic Director of

Dance at MoCo Arts. “We developed this program because we saw an opportunity to help a student that is passionate about dance continue their training, and to give them the means to pursue their passion. It's a wonderful partnership we have with NHDl.”

The scholarship recipient is chosen not only for their abilities, but more importantly for having demonstrated dedication, determination, and enthusiasm for dance. The chosen recipient must also demonstrate a strong work ethic and is expected to set a good example for others that come to learn at MoCo Arts. NHDl selects the students they believe best fit the criteria for the scholarship, including having had no prior dance instruction in a studio setting, and invite them to apply if interested.

“At NHDl we're serving 3000 children in this community, introducing them to dance as part of their school day. And the number of children that are inspired by that and decide to continue dancing is awesome,” says Kristen Leach, who is the Artistic Director at NHDl and a Teaching Artist at MoCo Arts. “The fact that NHDl partners with MoCo and we collaborate in creative ways means a lot.”

This year, MoCo Arts is pleased to announce the recipient of the MoCo Arts NHDl Student Scholarship has been awarded to Jenna Condap, a freshman this year at Monadnock Regional High School. Jenna will be participating in MoCo's dance program during the fall 2019 and spring 2020 semesters. Jenna was first introduced to NHDl when she was in fourth grade, during an NHDl residency at Cutler Elementary School. She has been dancing with them ever since.

MoCo Arts is thrilled to welcome Jenna and her family this fall. Classes begin September 3rd. Registration is ongoing. To learn more about MoCo Arts, or for information about registering for fall classes, visit them online at 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

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Photo caption: L-R Sally Malay-Executive Director of NHDl, Kristen Leach-Artistic Director of NHDl & MoCo Arts Teaching Artist, Jenna Condap, Reagan Messer-Executive Director & Artistic Director of Dance at MoCo Arts. Photo by Colleen Manzi.