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## Register for Dance, Theatre and Young Arts Programs at MoCo Arts



KEENE, NH – It's time to register for fall classes at MoCo Arts! MoCo offers extensive programming in dance and theatre for children of all ages, and a few select classes for adults too. MoCo welcomes all students, wherever they are in their creative arts journey, and students from age 4 – grade 12 are given the opportunity to participate in a fully produced performance as part of the educational process. Every student is encouraged, but never required to perform. Classes begin September 3. For a complete schedule of classes and performances visit [www.moco.org](http://www.moco.org), stop by the studios at 40 Roxbury Street in Keene, or call (603) 357-2100. Tuition assistance is available.

The dance program at MoCo Arts offers instruction in several different genres including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and modern dance for students of all abilities. Students are placed in the class that best suits their own personal level of experience with classes available for everyone from beginners to advanced dancers. There is also a Dance Conditioning class for high school students who are also enrolled in a dance class that will focus on increasing strength and improving dance technique through better coordination, balance and flexibility.

MoCo's theatre program includes classes in musical theatre and straight theatre, as well as improvisation and technical theatre workshops for kids in grades 2-12. The musical and straight theatre programs are divided into three age groups – Elementary, for kids in grades 2-5, Middle School for kids in grades 6-8, and High School for kids in grades 9-12. Each class will work together to produce a show, and every student in the class will be cast in a role. Performances will be held in MoCo's black box, The Founder's Theatre.

For the youngest students, MoCo's Young Arts program offers age appropriate instruction in theatre and dance. Creative Dance introduces children as young as 18 months to the fundamentals of dance, while embracing their own creative way of moving. Storytime Theatre is a musical theatre class for children age 4 through grade 2. The Storytime Theatre class consists of learning and producing a short theatrical presentation featuring acting, singing, dancing, costumes and sets.

MoCo Arts provides an inclusive, nurturing, supportive atmosphere designed to enrich the lives of students and families through high quality arts education and family friendly performances that all can enjoy. The benefits of arts education are many and MoCo believes that all children should have the opportunity to experience the joy of the arts. To this end, MoCo offers tuition assistance for all their programs. Additionally, MoCo has a partnership with the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative and offers free tuition to anyone living in Keene Housing. For more information about tuition assistance or to



register for classes, call MoCo Arts at (603) 357-2100, or stop by and visit the new studios at 40 Roxbury Street in Keene. You can also visit them online at [www.moco.org](http://www.moco.org) to find more information and view the full class schedule

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 1 caption: *MoCo Arts alum Meeghan Somerset dancing in MoCo's June production of "Beauty and the Beast." Photo by Steve Holmes Photography.*

Photo 2 caption: *MoCo Arts High School Musical Theatre students in rehearsal. Photo by Colleen Manzi.*

Photo 3 caption: *MoCo Arts Storytime Theatre students during their January performance of "Oh Say Did You See?" Photo by Steve Holmes Photography.*

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