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The Stage is Set for MoCo Arts' 8th Annual Fundraising Spectacular, LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE!



The Studs on stage during the performance at LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! 2018. Photo by Colleen Manzi.

KEENE, NH -- We're just weeks away from MoCo's biggest and best fundraising event of the year – LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! The popular event is set to take place on Saturday, October 26th at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street in vibrant downtown Keene. With a hilarious sketch comedy performance featuring local business and community leaders, dynamic live and silent auctions, delectable dishes by Kristin's Bakery, artisanal drinks by Machina Arts, music, dancing and more, LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! has become one of the most highly anticipated charitable events in the region. Proceeds from the event benefit tuition assistance and year-round arts education programs at MoCo Arts. In fact, the event is the primary reason that MoCo Arts is able to offer over \$79,000 in tuition assistance and provide high quality arts education to over 3200 children each year.

The performance at LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! is always a highlight of the evening, and this year will be no exception. The show

is always entertaining not only because of the brilliant writing, but because the stars of the show are local businesspeople and community members that are willingly getting up on stage and out of their comfort zones to support the kids and the arts. This year's show will feature several familiar faces including Mayor Kendall Lane alongside two of his potential successors, George Hansel and Mitchell Greenwald, in a comedic reenactment of a classic film that will have audiences on the edge of their seats. Other skits will include appearances by Keene's *Super Seniors*, and the crew from MoCo's own *Dancing with The Studs*.

LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! is a unique fundraiser filled with laughter, fun and a shared desire to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to experience the joy of growing in the arts. MoCo has never turned away a student because of their family's inability to pay their tuition. With the continued support of the community, and the passionate dedication of the teachers, staff and board, the organization will continue to provide high-quality arts education opportunities to children of all ages, regardless of their financial standing.

Tickets to LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! are \$75 and are available now at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street in Keene, or by calling (603) 357-2100. Your ticket includes 2 free drinks, gourmet food, a hilarious sketch comedy performance, dynamic live and silent auctions, cash bar, music, dancing and much, much more. We hope you'll join us on October 26th and show your support for the kids and the arts, while enjoying a wonderful evening out with friends. It will definitely be a night to remember! LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! is a 21+ event.

LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE! 2019 is being generously sponsored by AMT Productions, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Douglas, Ganio Land Management, kcs ARCHITECTS, Luca's Mediterranean Café, Machina Arts, Mint Premium Car Wash, Saxy Chef, True North Networks and Walier Chevrolet. For more information, 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