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# WHO WE ARE

## Who We Are

MoCo Arts is a nonprofit family-centered arts education organization located in beautiful downtown Keene. Focused on creating a better community through arts education, MoCo provides high-quality dance, theatre, and multi-arts instruction to kids from all over the Monadnock Region and beyond.

Committed to keeping the arts accessible, each year MoCo provides significant tuition assistance to families in need, and outreach that brings MoCo educators and programs to area schools, daycares, and other organizations.

Annually, 40% of our needed revenue comes from the support of you and our amazing community from individual donors, our signature fundraiser LIGHTS. CAMERA. KEENE!, private and foundation grants, and corporate sponsorships. Thank you!

## Why it Matters

The importance of arts education for our children cannot be overstated. There is overwhelming evidence that children who are offered opportunities to explore the arts experience a deeper connection with peers, a higher level of confidence, increased creativity, and develop a love of learning that enables them to excel in other academic areas. Arts education teaches children that it's ok to be themselves. To embrace our differences and to recognize and utilize our unique strengths. Arts education is an equalizer. Breaking down barriers and building stronger relationships.

MoCo's culture successfully combines inclusiveness, encouragement and respect, with rigor, high-expectations and professionalism. Students are nurtured, encouraged to take risks, make mistakes, and build self-confidence to accomplish individual and collective goals. MoCo kids take their confidence onto the stage, into the classroom and into the community. They are our future leaders. And through the transformational effects of arts education, and a little MoCo Magic, the future is bright.



*The Nutcracker* - Photo by Steve Holmes Photography

A MESSAGE FROM

# THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to our 2020-2021 performance season!

We are delighted to have our true stars shine again, the students of MoCo Arts! After cancelling so many shows in the spring, the staff knew we needed to give our students their performance moment and continue their development and educational experience. While we are unable to perform in person due to guidelines and restrictions, we are excited to be streaming these wonderful performances and show you the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

While the future is still very unclear, MoCo is committed to its students and the arts education we deliver. We continue to have our student's best interest in mind and will continue to push forward in a way that keeps them safe along with their families and our staff.

I could not be more proud of the work our staff has done and continues to do during the pandemic to keep the kids engaged. Their dedication and commitment is incredible, as they care deeply for the students and the work they do. I want to thank them for their tireless efforts!

You, our community, have been so supportive of our work and that has only grown during the pandemic. Our families and donors make it possible for us to provide transformational experiences in the lives of the students in the community. You continue to go above and beyond to make sure MoCo perseveres during these difficult times. We are grateful for your support of the arts and especially children in the arts. On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, I thank you!

Now it is show time, so sit back and enjoy the show, with the true stars of MoCo Arts: Our Students!

All the best,



Reagan Messer

Executive Director/Artistic Director of Dance



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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: REAGAN MESSER

MoCo Arts School of Dance offers a variety of classes for 2nd graders and up (beginners through advanced) in Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions. **Dance is for everybody** and MoCo Arts offers the grace and athleticism of Ballet, the fun of Hip Hop based in the current street styles, the showmanship of Broadway style Jazz, the free and expressive style of Modern, and the high energy hoofing of Tap. All programs participate in professional quality performances, but no dance student is required to perform.

*If your student is in 1st grade or younger, please refer to our Young Arts Program.*



*Time to Dance, 2020 - Photo by Steve Holmes Photography*

# THEATRE

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: MARTY HENNUM

MoCo Arts' award-winning Theatre Program offers students opportunities to participate in musicals, straight plays and workshops.

- Students in grades 2-5 participate in our "Elementary School" Theatre program
- Students in grades 6-8 participate in our "Middle School" Theatre program
- Students in grades 9-12 participate in our "High School" Theatre program

Each Musical Theatre and Play class culminates in a fully produced performance. **All students are cast in a role and are encouraged, but never required, to perform.** Then they work together to put on the production.

Theatre Workshops give students the opportunity to explore improvisation and technical theatre.

*If your student is in 1st grade or younger, please refer to our Young Arts Program.*



Frozen - Photo by Steve Holmes Photography

# YOUNG ARTS

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: DANIELLE FITZPATRICK

Students 18 months through 1st grade are eligible for classes in our Young Arts program. Children develop their **creativity, cooperation skills and self-awareness** through play, imagination and fun, and our popular Young Arts Programs are infused with these qualities. Offering a wide variety of classes and camps, including dance and theatre, MoCo Arts Young Arts Programs can **help your child blossom** in expression and confidence.

*Students in 2nd grade may choose whether to stay in Young Arts for one more year, or move on to our Dance and Theatre programs.*



*Oh Say Did You See?- Photo by Colleen Manzi*

# MULTI-ARTS CAMPS

## **Vacation Camps** (4yrs through 6th grade)

**Director:** Danielle Fitzpatrick

School Vacation Camps are multi-arts day camps that introduce children to fine and performing arts during school vacation weeks in February and April.

## **CupCAKE Summer Camps** (4yrs through 3rd grade)

**Director:** Danielle Fitzpatrick

CupCAKE is a multi-arts summer day camp that introduces children to the fine and performing arts during the summer. Each week revolves around an exciting theme for an immersive arts experience.

## **C.A.K.E. Summer Camp** (3rd through 12th grades)

**Director:** Marty Hennem

Creative Arts at Keene (C.A.K.E.) is an NEA award winning, fun-spirited multi-arts summer camp with classes in art, creative writing, dance, drama, music, photography, technical theatre, video production, and more!



C.A.K.E Noontime Show - Photo by Colleen Manzi



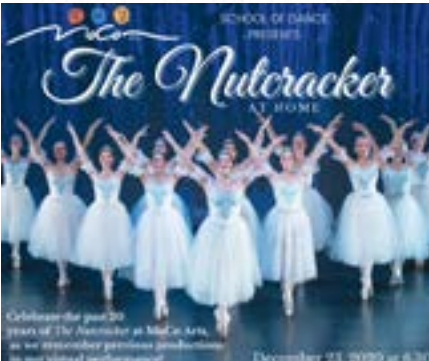
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## CAST

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## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### **Rock Around the Shops**

Music and Lyrics by Mark and Helen Johnson

### **I'm So Broke**

Music and Lyrics by Joel Fry

### **When Will My Life Begin**

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Glenn Slater

### **Rich Girl Problems**

Performed by Brooklyn Queen

### **Gift Rap**

Performed by The Broadway Kids

### **I Gotta Get It**

music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Hannah Trombly

### **The Gift You Are**

Music and Lyrics by John Denver

### **I Gotta Get It (Reprise)**

music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Hannah Trombly

### **The Gift You Are (Reprise)**

Music and Lyrics by John Denver

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## **We are grateful to be in such a generous community!**

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By supporting MoCo Arts Annual Fund you help continue to provide over \$79,000 in tuition assistance, keep class prices as low as possible, and provide high-quality arts education.

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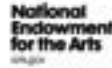




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Starting its seventh year, the Community Stars Seats program is designed to give children and families to the opportunities to see performances who otherwise couldn't afford to attend. Tickets are distributed through nonprofit organizations in the Monadnock Region that serve low-income families and disadvantaged youth.

This initiative is part of **MoCo's continuing commitment to make the arts accessible to all.**

Previous recipients of Community Stars Seats include:

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*“MoCo is a safe haven from the rest of the world, a place where I can truly be myself and express myself through the arts.”*

MoCo is a safe haven from the rest of the world, a place where I can truly be myself and express myself through the arts. It was at MoCo that I was able to discover my passion for live theater and dance, a passion that I hope to continue into the future. The Arts for Life scholarship allows me to pursue this at a time where it might not have been so easy, and I am extremely grateful to Maich, Ed, Reagan [Messer], Marty [Hennum], and Danielle [Fitzpatrick] for making this possible.

-Niko M.  
Dance, Theatre & C.A.K.E.  
*2019 Recipient of the Arts for Life Scholarship*

## A LIFE TRANSFORMED: MALCOLM



*"Having my son find something that allows him to be who he is and shine that bright is immeasurable to me."*

My son Malcolm was given the opportunity to participate in your summer C.A.K.E. program with tuition assistance. He spent three weeks in camp and has never been so happy and excited to go somewhere every morning. The self-confidence he gained in the summer program was truly indescribable. Malcolm has struggled with school from the very beginning, and struggled in structured programs. His anxiety, and attention issues have always played a part in his day to day life. However, in C.A.K.E. he was able to express himself, learn and grow, make friends and perform. He blossomed for three weeks, and then he performed in his musical and at the extravaganza, and he really shone bright. Having my son find something that allows him to be who he is and shine that bright is immeasurable to me. Thank you for the opportunity!

- Traci B. (Malcolm's mom)  
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