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# ON STAGE 2022 SEASON

MoCo Arts Elementary School Musical Presents



Sunday, December 4 at 2 & 4:30 p.m.  
The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

Music & Lyrics by  
Johnny Marks

Script Adaptation by  
Robert Penola

Arrangements by  
Timothy Splain

Orchestrations by  
William C. White

Based on the animated television special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" adapted from  
the story by Robert, L May and the song by Johnny Marks.  
Developed by Character Arts Creations, LLC.

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# WHO WE ARE

## **Our Mission**

*Transforming Lives Through Movement and Creative Expression*

## **Who We Are**

Founded in 1991, 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. We're excited to celebrate 30+ years and to teach MoCo's next generation of students.



*Time To Dance, School of Dance 2022 –  
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**One of MoCo's greatest assets is its dedicated staff**, who not only bring years of unrivaled teaching experience but **actively cultivate an inclusive and supportive community where all children can thrive.** Every student who walks through MoCo's doors **is given the foundation to succeed in dance, theatre, and beyond.**

Today MoCo Arts is **teaching the next generation – alumni are sending their children to classes and camps.** Excited for future generations to explore all that the arts have to offer, **MoCo is here for children and families** throughout the Monadnock region and beyond. **To learn more about MoCo's mission and ways you can support our work, please visit [moco.org](http://moco.org), contact us at (603) 357-2100 and/or MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431. Every gift makes a difference.**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> grade or younger, please refer to our Young Arts Program.*



*Time To Dance, School of Dance 2022 –  
Photo by Steve Holmes Photography*

# THEATRE

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: LAURA CARBONNEAU

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 1<sup>st</sup> grade or younger, please refer to our Young Arts Program.*



*A Murder Most Fowl, Middle/High School Play 2022 –  
Photo by Steve Holmes Photography*

# YOUNG ARTS

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: DANIELLE FITZPATRICK

Students 18 months through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may choose whether to stay in Young Arts for one more year, or move on to our Dance and Theatre programs.*



*The Boy Who Drew Cats, Storytime Theatre – Photo by Chelsea Zichella*



# MULTI-ARTS CAMPS

## **Vacation Camps** (4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> 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** (4 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** (3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Director:** Laura Carbonneau

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 Chelsea Zichella



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# RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

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# Cast

**Reporters** — Charlize Benedict, Amelia Faulkner

**Sam** — Daniella Garcia

**Santa Claus** — Lucas Wyatt

**Mrs. Claus** — Isabella Cavaleri

**Donner** — Jonah Thomase

**Mrs. Donner** — Sienna Gardner

**Young Rudolph** — Eli Tebaldi

**Rudolph** — Ava Kendall

**Boss Elf** — Declan Bagster

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**Clarice** — Pehar Randhawa

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**Yukon Cornelius** — Zessi Kurz

**King Moonracer** — Maggie Newell

**Charlie-In-The-Box** — Farrah Forman

**Dolly** — Mia Horn

**Cowboy** — Holden Norris

**Spotted Elephant** — Christina Bergeron

**Train** — Eoin Francis

**Plane** — Nathan Golden

**Bird-Fish** — Marilyn Perkins



**Reindeer** — Charlize Benedict, Christina Bergeron,  
Aspen Downey, Amelia Faulkner,  
Amelia Gillette, Maggie Newell,  
Marilyn Perkins, Violet Swearingen

**Elves** — Faina Blackmore, Ella Callender,  
Ivy Dunton, Miranda Feiker, Eoin Francis,  
Nathan Golden, Penny Kraly, Juliette Piehler,  
Emmaleigh Reeves

**Misfit Toys** — Faina Blackmore, Ellie Callender, Eli Tebaldi



Elementary School Musical Theatre Cast Photo

## **A Note From The Director ...**

*On Behalf Of The Entire Production Team,*

*I would like to welcome you to this joyful, talent-filled performance of Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer, JR.! We have had such fun learning our lines, lyrics and dances. We have laughed over perfectly delivered comedic lines, applauded each other's successes and our hearts have filled with empathy and love for these characters. The most challenging scenes in this production have been those that show unkindness; our children have struggled with being really mean and mistreating "the misfits". What a wonderful problem. This cast of nearly 40 children have been a joy and a blessing in our lives at MoCo and we know you will be truly amazed by their work and growth, both as performers and humans. Thank you for sharing them with us!*

*May you all have a happy and healthy holiday season.*

*With Gratitude,*

*Kristen Leach, Hannah Trombly, Eliora DesPres,  
Harmony Brown and Laura Carbonneau*

## **ATTENTION**

Photography and videotaping are prohibited.  
Please turn off all cell phones and silence pagers.

## **Special Thanks**

To our front desk staff, Nat Zilske, Avril Miller  
and Danielle Love.

To Samaira Aldrich, Andrew Grimaldi and  
Shannon Wakefield.

To all of the students, parents, families, volunteers  
and staff that helped from home and leading up  
to the performance.

## **Steve Holmes Photography will be photographing this event.**

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Check [moco.org](http://moco.org) for details.

**Recorded and livestreamed by Keene Online.**



Elementary School Musical Theatre students in class

## **What's next?**

### ***Oliver! JR***

Middle School Musical Theatre

Sunday, December 11 at 2 & 4:30 p.m.

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### ***Guys & Dolls JR***

High School Musical Theatre

Saturday, January 7 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 8 at 2 & 5 p.m.

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### ***Time To Dance***

School of Dance

Saturday, January 14 at 7 p.m.

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### ***Frosty The Snowman***

Storytime Theatre

Sunday, January 22 at 2 p.m.

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## **Registration for MoCo's spring semester beings**

**Monday, December 5**

## **Join MoCo Arts this February and April for vacation camp!**

MoCo's vacation camps are sponsored in part by

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### **February (20-24) vacation camps theme is *Rain Forest Rumble*.**

Learn about rare animals, sing in other languages, and dance to a South American beat while making new friends.

### **April (24-28) vacation camps theme is *Buggin' Out*.**

Creepy, crawly, flit, and flutter. From ants to butterflies, this week will give kids an immersive look at the world of insects from the perspective of the performing arts.



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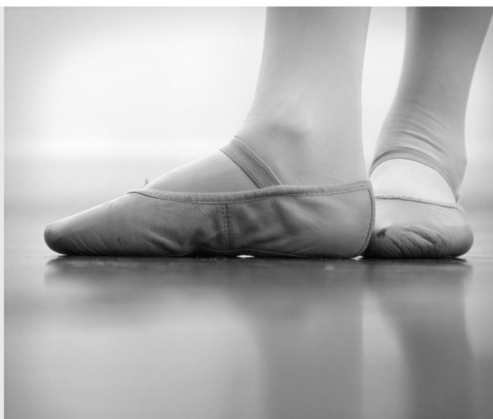
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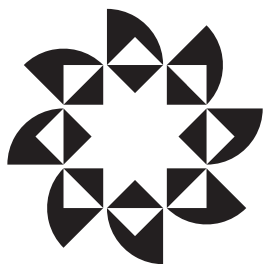
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MoCo Arts is pleased that 230 free Community Stars Seats are available during the 2023 season. Through a gift from C&S Wholesale Grocers and The Main Street America Group, eligible children and families have been experiencing the joy of live theatre and dance.

Starting its tenth year, the Community Stars Seats program is designed to bring children and families to shows 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:

- ◆ Big Brothers Big Sisters
- ◆ Cedarcrest Center
- ◆ Monadnock Developmental Services
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- ◆ Keene Housing
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Nonprofit leaders interested in the free tickets are invited to contact Chelsea Zichella, Communications & Marketing Manager at MoCo about the Community Stars Seats. She can be reached at (603) 357-2100 x208 or at [czichella@moco.org](mailto:czichella@moco.org).



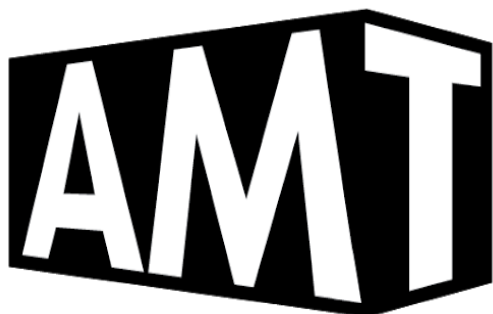
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## **Join MoCo Arts this February and April for vacation camp!**

MoCo's vacation camps are sponsored in part by  
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### **February (20-24) vacation camps theme is *Rain Forest Rumble*.**

Dance, Music, Art, Games, and more!

For kids ages 4 years – grade 6

Theme: ecology, multiculturalism, nature, performance

Based on the book, *The Great Kapok Tree*, children will sing, dance, and act about the importance of preserving the rain forest. Learn about rare animals, sing in other languages, and dance to a South American beat while making new friends. Performance on the last day of camp will showcase all that we have learned while helping us build confidence and teamwork skills.

### **April (24-28) vacation camps theme is *Buggin' Out*.**

Dance, Music, Art, Games, and more!

For kids ages 4 years – grade 6

Theme: Insects, science, nature, the performing arts

Creepy, crawly, flit, and flutter. From ants to butterflies, this week will give us an immersive look at the world of insects from the perspective of the performing arts. Sing, dance, act and perform in a musical theatre production featuring the world of insects.



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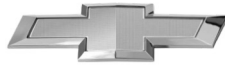
*When I first started at MoCo, I thought it would be intimidating. But soon after, I realized that all people want here is to share the joy of putting on a good show! I've made friendships and connections here that will last a lifetime. MoCo has helped me express myself in ways I didn't know I could and become a much more confident person. Just a couple years ago, I never would have imagined myself doing something so extroverted as theatre. But signing up was the best decision I have ever made. MoCo is one of the friendliest and most accepting places I have had the pleasure to experience.*

—Grey Leinau  
Theatre and C.A.K.E. Summer Camp



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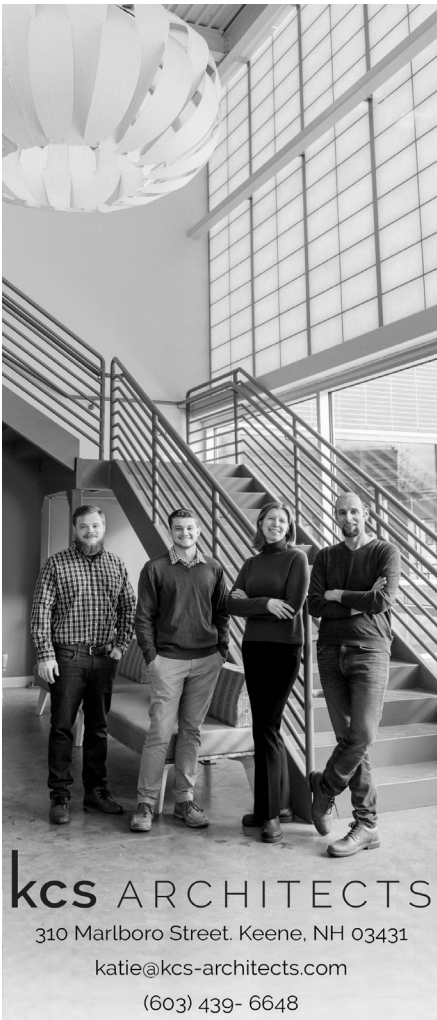


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## A LIFE TRANSFORMED: ANTONIO MACK

“MoCo has helped me be more confident both on stage and off.”



*My first experience with MoCo was in dance class as a 9 year old. I loved MoCo right from the beginning. The first time I performed at MoCo was The Jungle Book and even though I was nervous at first, I ended up having a great time. The teachers at MoCo do an amazing job making everyone feel a part of something larger than themselves. Now I am in theater and dance and it is a big part of my life. I find myself looking forward to all my MoCo classes each week. MoCo has helped me be more confident both on stage and off. My classes at MoCo allowed me to find a supportive group of people who also find joy in theater and dance.*

—Antonio Mack  
Dance, Theatre and C.A.K.E. Summer Camp

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