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MoCo Arts Middle/High School Play Presents

The Phantom Tollbooth



Sunday, November 20 at 2 & 5 p.m.
The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

By Susan Nanus
Based on the book by Norton Juster

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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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Established in 1991, The Moving Company Dance Center started as one woman's vision to transform an old machine shop into a performing arts studio. Now known as MoCo Arts, **the family-centered nonprofit arts education organization is celebrating 30+ years.** MoCo offers dance and theatre classes for **ages 18 months to 18+ years, beginner through advanced, all abilities.** MoCo **prides itself in being affordable and accessible and has never turned a child away.** MoCo Arts is welcoming to all, regardless of social or financial status, and **provides \$79,000 in tuition assistance per year.**

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, 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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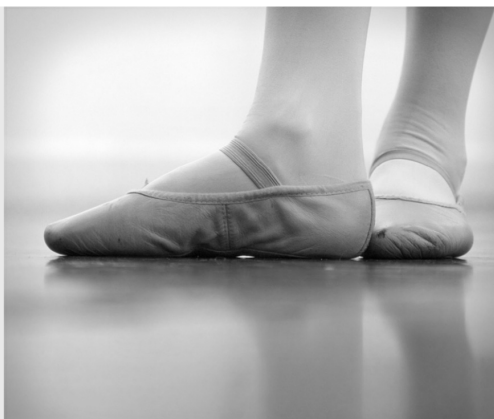
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SCHOOL OF DANCE

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, 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 1st 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 2nd 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.



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

MULTI-ARTS CAMPS

Vacation Camps (4 years 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 (4 years 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 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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Costume Design	Shannon Wakefield
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Cast

The Clock —

Harmony Brown, Aydan Rutter, Ella Salzmann,
Lily Sanderson, Gretchen Temple

Milo — Kylie Rilling

A Voice — Solomon Silberstein

The Whether Man — Nissa Messer

Lethargarian #1 — Thomas Cardine

Lethargarian #2 — Aydan Rutter

Lethargarian #3 — Lily Sanderson

Lethargarian #4 — Mackensie Stacey

Lethargarian #5 — Sophie Headings

Lethargarian #6 — Samuel Gauthier

Tock — Harmony Brown

Azaz the Unabridged — Kyra Stehura

The Mathemagician — Alexis Harvey

Princess Sweet Rhyme — Sophie Saari

Princess Pure Reason — Alaria Clauss

Gatekeeper of Dictionopolis — Drew Downing

Merchant #1 — Gianna Geraghty

Merchant #2 — Addy Aldrich

Merchant #3 — Ella Salzmann

Merchant #4 (The Letterman) — Antonio Mack

Spelling Bee — Abby Morse

The Humbug — Lily Fitzpatrick

The Duke of Definition (Minister #1) — Grey Leinau

The Minister of Meaning (Minister #2) —
Mackensie Stacey

The Earl of Essence (Minister #3) —
Solomon Silberstein

The Count of Connotation (Minister #4) —
Gretchen Temple

The Undersecretary of Understanding (Minister #5) —
Sophie Headings

A Page — Samuel Gauthier

Waiters —

Addy Aldrich, Alaria Clauss,
Nissa Messer, Sophie Saari

Kakafonous A. Dischord — Grey Leinau

The Awful Dynne — Gianna Geraghty

The Dodecahedron — Mackensie Stacey

Miners of the Numbers Mine —
Thomas Cardine, Drew Downing,
Samuel Gauthier, Sophie Headings,
Gretchen Temple, Henry Wichland

The Everpresent Wordsnatcher/Bird — Addy Aldrich

The Terrible Trivium/Man — Thomas Cardine

The Demon of Insincerity — Nissa Messer

The Senses Taker — Drew Downing

Demons —

Gianna Geraghty, Antonio Mack,
Aydan Rutter, Ella Salzmann,
Lily Sanderson, Henry Wichland

A Note From The Director ...

To be able to learn, you must have an open mind. To be able to apply what you learn, you must have creativity. We are going to take you on a journey to the Land of Wisdom where ignorance is taking hold. To bring numbers and letters together again our young heroes must use their knowledge and imagination.

Our talented cast is riddled with intelligent and creative young minds. The actors and heroes you see on stage today will be the heroes of our future, using their imaginations to rut out the ignorance and problems we will face. That's what makes The Phantom Tollbooth, the perfect season opener for this group of actors.

This classic adventure story (reminiscent of Alice in Wonderland meets the Wizard of Oz, with a dash of The Magic School Bus) was a challenging endeavor. I would like to express my gratitude to the cast for their hard work, play, and dedication to creating this magic land come to life. We hope that you will enjoy the show and the magic it brings to life.

-Laura Carbonneau
Artistic Director of Theatre & C.A.K.E.

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Special Thanks

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

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

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Photos will be available online for purchase.
Check moco.org for details.

Recorded and livestreamed by Keene Online.



The Phantom Tollbooth In Class Rehearsal 2022 – Photo by Chelsea Zichella

What's next?

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Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

Elementary School Musical Theatre

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

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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.

The Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College

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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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Donations to MoCo's Annual Fund are more important than ever, as we continue to grow into our beautiful new building on Roxbury Street. It is imperative that we sustain general operating support as tuition and ticket sales only cover 60% of our annual operating revenue.

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Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Elementary School Musical Theatre 2022 – Photo by Steve Holmes Photography

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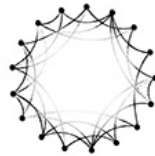


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Starting its tenth year, the Community Stars Seats program is designed to bring children and families to shows who otherwise couldn't afford to attend. Tickets are distributed through nonprofit organizations in the Monadnock Region that serve low-income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

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

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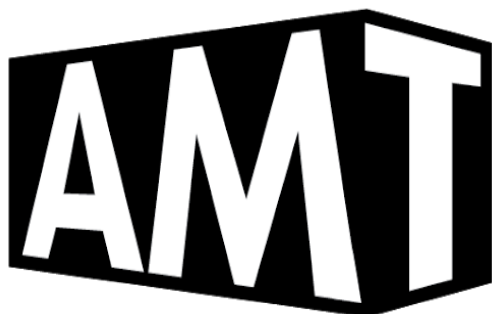
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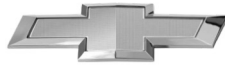
When I first started at MoCo, I thought it would be intimidating. But soon after, I realized that all people want here is to share the joy of putting on a good show! I've made friendships and connections here that will last a lifetime. MoCo has helped me express myself in a ways I didn't know I could 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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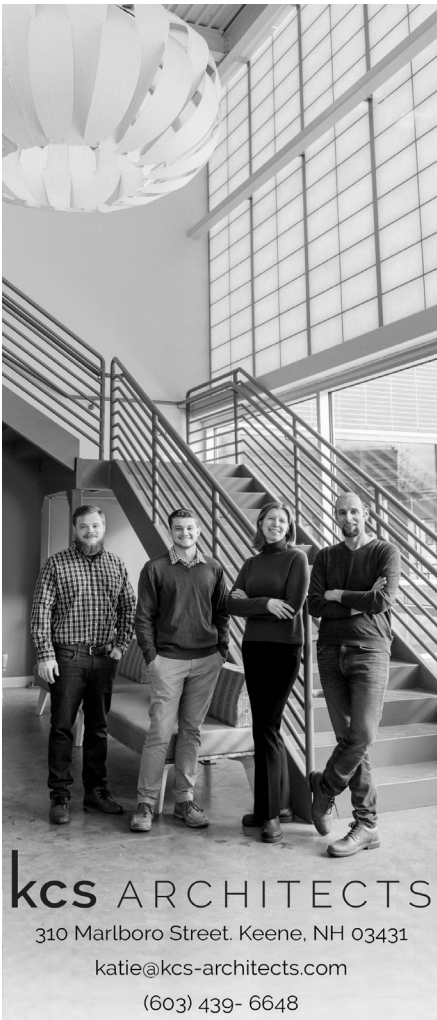


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