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MoCo Arts Middle School Musical Presents

# OLIVER!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 2 & 4:30 P.M.

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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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**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](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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# Oliver!

## **Production Staff**

Director & Choreographer	Kristen Leach
Music Director	Ashley Morse
Vocal Coach	JoAnne Mead
Production Assistant	Eliora Despres
	Moses Fisher
Costume Design	Tracy Clark
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## **Musical Numbers**

*Food Glorious Food*  
*Oliver*

*Boy For Sale*

*Where is Love?*

*Consider Yourself*

*Pick a Pocket or Two*

*Rum-Tum-Tum*

*It's a Fine Life*

*I'd Do Anything*

*Be Back Soon*

*Oom-Pah-Pah*

*My Name*

*As Long As He Needs Me*

*Where is Love? (Reprise)*

*Who Will Buy?*

*It's a Fine Life (Reprise)*

*Reviewing the Situation*

*Oliver (Reprise)*

*As Long As He Needs Me (Reprise)*

*London Bridge*

*Bows*



Middle School Musical Theatre Cast Photo

# Cast

**Mr. Bumble** — Hayden Fowler

**Widow Corney** — Mackensie Stacey

**Oliver Twist** — Seth Hertzler

**Mr. Sowerberry** — Charles-Joaquin Rodriguez

**Mrs. Sowerberry** — Gianna Geraghty

**Charlotte** — Nissa Messer

**Noah Claypole** — Sam Gauthier

**Dodger** — Marilyn Barry

**Captain** — Colette Roentsch

**Handwalker** — Eva Morrison

**Charlie Bates** — Andrew Downing

**Fagin** — Grady Kalich-Sampson

**Nipper** — Zayden Lent

**Nancy** — Skylar Schmidt

**Bet** — Kylie Rilling

**Mr. Brownlow** — D'Mitri Florenz

**Bill Sikes** — Caleb Despres

**Mrs. Bedwin** — Olivia Gillard

**Market Sellers** — Zoya Blackmore, Lily Hayes,  
Charles-Joaquin Rodriguez, Isabel Wrona

**Dr. Grimwig** — Cooper Kalich-Sampson

**Matron** — Colette Roentsch

**Old Sally** — Malina Gaudrea

**Maid** — Nat Henkel

**Delivery Person** — Isabel Wrona

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

*"On behalf of the entire production team, I would like to thank you for supporting these wonderful children. Thank you for giving them this rich arts experience and for being here today to celebrate their growth, both as performers and as human beings.*

*In addition to the exceptional musical score of Oliver, its spirited melodies and clever lyrics, we have a story that is full of rather heavy topics. The cast has been very responsible with these themes; we have had many great discussions. The Dickens classic explores challenging aspects of life, such as; unintended pregnancy, orphaned children, labor trafficking of children, food insecurities, criminal activity as a result of failed systems, and codependent, abusive relationships. Fortunately, we have found moments in character development that may answer the "why" regarding choices and behaviors. We have seen ways that family is created and that people care for one another. And there is repentance, forgiveness, redemption and love. Pay close attention to the lyrics in Fagin's "stream-of-consciousness" song, "Reviewing The Situation". He is ultimately tormented with his existence as a thief and his desire to be a good and decent man. Can we change?*

*At a rather low, crucial moment in the story, Oliver, desperate for a sense of belonging, sings, "Where Is Love?" I believe it is here, within these very walls of The Founder's Theatre, and all around us if we will see it and share it. This cast has shown great empathy for these characters as well as each other. We are so very proud of them."*

*With Gratitude,  
Kristen Leach*



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## **Special Thanks**

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*The Phantom Tollbooth* Middle/High School Play —  
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# **What's next?**

## ***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  
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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  
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Learn about rare animals, sing in other languages, and  
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**April (24-28) vacation camps theme is *Buggin' Out.***

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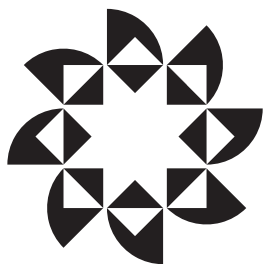
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*Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Elementary School Musical Theatre 2022*  
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MoCo Arts is pleased that 230 free Community Stars Seats are available during the 2023 season. Through a gift from 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
- ◆ Monadnock Family Services
- ◆ 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).



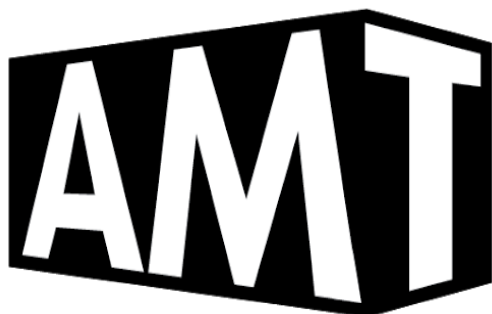
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## **Join MoCo Arts this February and April for vacation camp!**

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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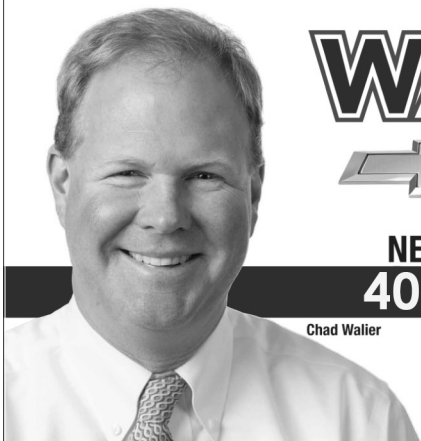
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"I've made friendships and connections here that will last a lifetime."



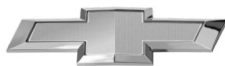
*When I first started at MoCo, I thought it would be intimidating. But soon after, I realized that all people want here is to share the joy of putting on a good show! I've made friendships and connections here that will last a lifetime. MoCo has helped me express myself in ways I didn't know I could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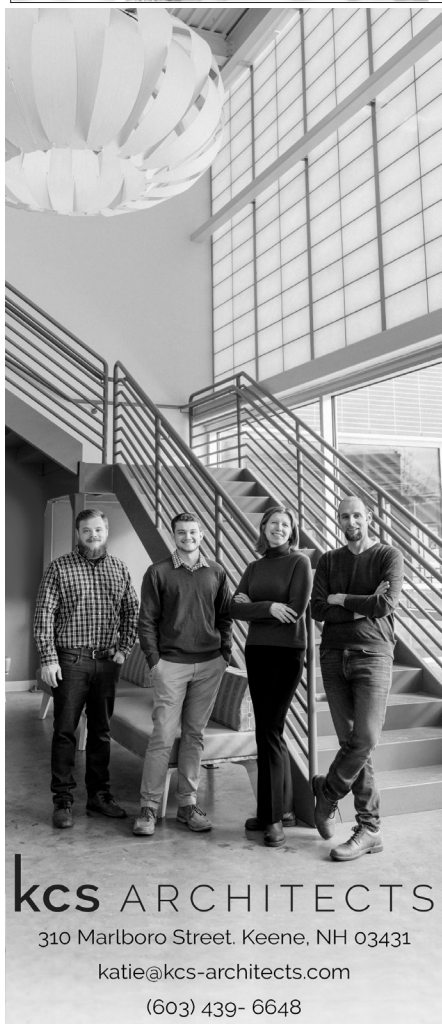


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## A LIFE TRANSFORMED: ANTONIO MACK

"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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