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MoCo Arts High School Musical Presents

GUYS & DOLLS

Saturday, January 7 at 7 p.m.
Sunday, January 8 at 2 & 5 p.m.
The Founder's Theatre at MoCo Arts

Based on a story and characters by **Damon Runyon**

Music and Lyrics by Frank **Loesser**

Book by **Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows**

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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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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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GUYS & DOLLS

Production Staff

Director	Laura Carbonneau
Choreographer	Kristen Leach
Music Director	Kate Butterfield
Vocal Coach	JoAnne Mead
Costume Design	Jazmine Carroll
Volunteer Coordinator	Briana Tebaldi
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	<i>AMT Productions</i>
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Musical Numbers

Overture
Fugue for Tinhorns
Follow the Fold
The Oldest Established
Follow the Fold (Reprise)
I'll Know
A Bushel and a Peck
Adelaide's Lament
Guys and Dolls
If I Were A Bell
I've Never Been In Love Before
Adelaide's Second Lament
Luck Be a Lady
Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat
The Guys Follow the Fold
Marry the Man Today
The Happy Ending



High School Musical Theatre Cast Photo

Cast

Nicely-Nicely Johnson — Riley Mark

Benny Southstreet — Martin Cardine

Rusty Charlie — Jack Bates

Mission Band —

Emma Despres, Zelda Zuser-Hedges, Kyra Stehura

Agatha — Raelen Leonard-Sollis

Martha — Amara Northrop

Calvin — Thompson Norris

Bertha — Sophie Saari

Sarah Brown — Reilly Hayes

Arvide Abernathy — Hannah Driscoll-Carignan

Harry the Horse — Kro Aronson

Lt. Brannigan — Liz Downing

Nathan Detroit — Chase Johnson

Crapshooters —

Phoebe Diven, Lily Fitzpatrick, Autumn Jefts,
Olivia Pelkey, Kennedy Smith, Ariana Wilber

Angie the Ox — Kiera Kasschau

Miss Adelaide — Grey Leinaw

Hot Box Girls —

Harmony Brown, Makayla Evans, Alexis Harvey,
Sydney Key, Vivian Neutra, Sophie Saari, Erin Smith

Sky Masterson — Alden Ormont

Master of Ceremonies — Zelda Zuser-Hedges

Mimi — Abby Morse

Guy — Henry Wichland

Doll — Sydney Key

Street Vendor — Erin Smith

General Cartwright — Ruby Trippodi

Big Jule — Ethan Anderson

Liver Lips Louie — Henry Wichland

Society Max — Lucas Sayan

Guy/Lookout — Lily Fitzpatrick

Cops — Emma Despres, Kyra Stehura

A Note From The Director ...

"When deciding what show to do this first semester, our production team wanted to put on a classic. We wanted to expose our actors to more than just the modern musicals they may listen to on a regular Wednesday afternoon. Guys & Dolls is a quintessential musical chestnut that we knew this group would thrive in performing and come to love.

The musical, based on stories by Damon Runyon, paints a colorful picture of a world that feels so distant from our own now. And though we've deemed some of the themes as "outdated," it is hard not to connect with the fierce independence of Sarah Brown, the ambition of Nathan Detroit, Miss Adelaide's desire to be loved, or Sky Masterson's soul-searching. We inevitably find ourselves deeply connecting with these characters from a time well gone by.

Our production team is incredibly grateful for the hard work of these talented actors. Their commitment to creating a fabulous and meaningful show and forming bonds with each other has been clear. We are fortunate to work with this group each week and see their growth from auditions to performance. Lastly, I would like to thank the production team for their unending support and expertise—their guidance continues to lead our actors to success.

Enjoy the show!"

— Laura Carbonneau
Artistic Director of Theatre and C.A.K.E.

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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 by Keene Online.



The Phantom Tollbooth Middle/High School Play —
Photo by Chelsea Zichella

What's next?

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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Register now for MoCo's spring semester!

Classes start January 16.

Call (603) 357-2100 or email info@moco.org to register.

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.*

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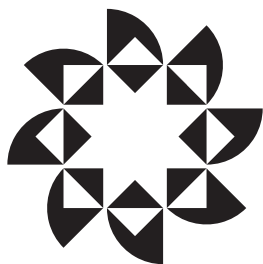
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Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Elementary School Musical Theatre 2022
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Starting its tenth year, the Community Stars Seats program is designed to bring children and families to shows who otherwise 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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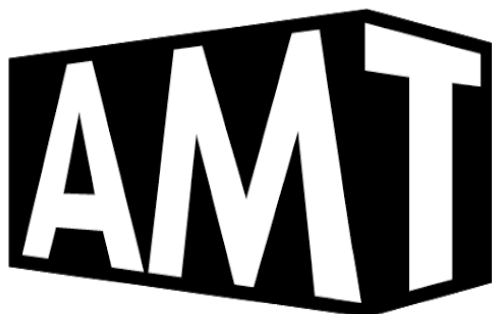
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Join MoCo Arts this February and April for vacation camp!

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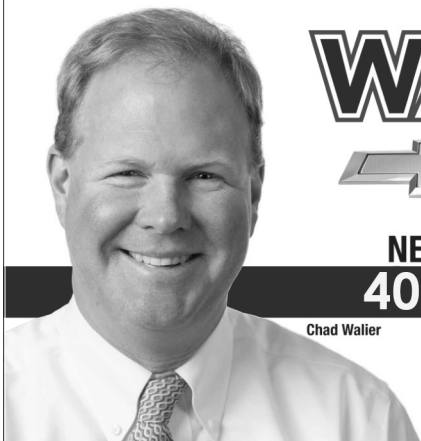
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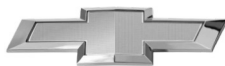
When I first started at MoCo, I thought it would be intimidating. But soon after, I realized that all people want here is to share the joy of putting on a good show! I've made friendships and connections here that will last a lifetime. MoCo has helped me express myself in ways I didn't know I could and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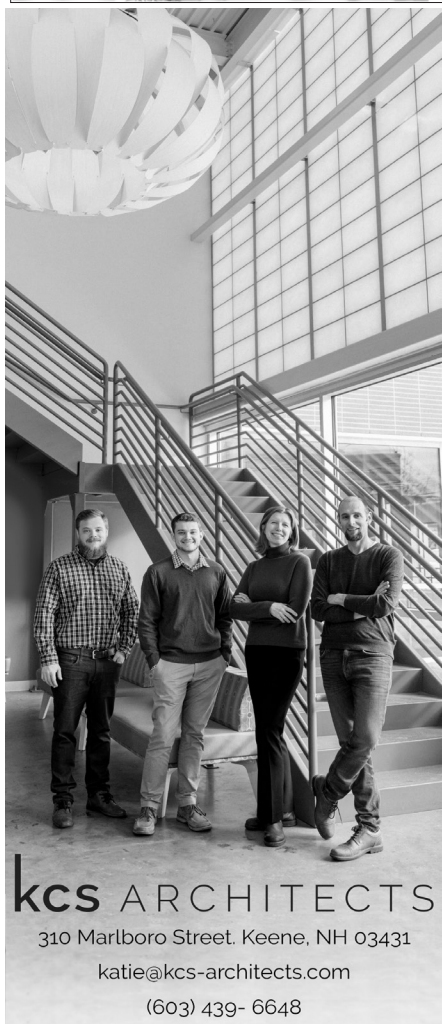


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A LIFE TRANSFORMED: ANTONIO MACK

“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
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