



# Great Falls Creative Movement

## Winter Newsletter

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## Winter Classes at The Movement Studio

Our winter/spring session of dance classes for children ages 3 - 6 begins the week of January 19th and runs through May 11th. [Registration is now open!](#) Come try out a class for free at our [OPEN HOUSE](#): Saturday January 12th, 10am (ages 5 and 6), 11:15 (ages 3 and 4).

## [Awesome Art in Motion: upcoming events](#)



Our children's dance company has 16 members this year! This fall, in addition to meeting weekly in age-groups classes (The Flying Kangaroos for 6 - 8 year-olds, and the newly named "Dancing Potatoes for 9 - 12 year-olds), we've added a monthly rehearsal of the entire company! It has been a pleasure to facilitate some mixed-aged collaborative dance making. Also new this fall is a regular journaling practice to support our creative work. As we move into the second half of the year, we look forward to more opportunities to share our dances and dancing with the public!



**Save The Date:** for our end of the year performance, **May 25th at 2pm**, as well as our annual community dance class with the residents of the Charlene Manor assisted living facility (date TBA).

All of our studio programs take place at The Movement Studio, a community space run by [The Brick House Community Resource Center](#). We continue to be grateful to have access to this space and encourage everyone to take a minute to check out what else is happening in the building!

## [Winter Programs in the Community](#)



## School Residencies

This January we will once again be hosting week-long dance residencies at The Fisher Hill Elementary School in Orange and The Village School in Royalston. Dance remains one of the major art forms routinely left out of elementary education.  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all humans are most inclined towards the movement arts. That means that at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  of elementary students are missing out on the opportunity to shine in their preferred artistic medium at school.

Dance residencies infuse a school with dance resources for a short period of time, with the goal of supporting classroom teachers to integrate dance into their curriculum in an ongoing way. Thank you to the [STARS residencies program](#) of the Massachusetts Cultural Council for supporting these two residencies!

## Community Dance-Making Opportunity for Adults!



This Winter, GFCM will be partnering with Dance educator Jodi Falk and the United ARC to gather a group of dancers and dance lovers of all ages, intellectual and physical abilities, to create, with the artistic gifts of each person, a dance reflecting interests and input of all. The project will take place over 8 weeks - rehearsing 1x a week, and will result in a performance in May.

[Please be in touch if you are interested in being part of this project!](#) People of all ages, physical, psychological and developmental abilities, and levels of experience with dance are welcome!

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