



LUNA DANCE INSTITUTE

**LUNA DANCE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES ELABORATE
CABARET BENEFITING CHILDREN IN
AN EVENING OF LUNACY**

The Bay Area's only choreography-based non-profit anticipates its 20th year with a night of comic dance, live music, juggling, roller skating, delectable desserts and zany entertainment.

As a dance education organization dedicated to bringing the joy of dance to all children, Luna Dance Institute knows how to fill a room with movement and laughter. This year the non-profit seeks to do the same at its annual fundraising event, *An Evening of Lunacy: extravagant folly benefiting children*, Saturday, May 7th, 8pm at the Clif Bar Theater, 1400 65th St. in Emeryville. Presented in the style of a full-length cabaret, the evening will offer a kaleidoscope of entertainment ranging from magic tricks to tarot readings to bingo.

The onstage acts include comic dancers Mary Armentrout of Mary Armentrout Dance Theater, and Mary Reid, founder of Smaller than Life Performance Group. Armentrout's works have been described as puzzles that "appear illogical on the surface," but coalesce into meaningful dance through the "twisted humor and comic timing" of this delightfully quirky choreographer (East Bay Monthly). The comedic magic and juggling of The Keith Show (Keith Eveslage) has delighted audiences at festivals and fairs for over 20 years, and the stand up comedy of L.A. comedienne Danielle Koenig has elicited laughter on Comedy Central and National Lampoon media outlets to name a few.

Attendees can have their pictures made in a homemade photo booth, get their tarot cards read, and boogie to the sounds of the Dung Beetles alongside roller skaters and old-fashioned "penny candy" girls. Raffle players can enter to win bonanza raffle baskets including a year's worth of dinners out, gourmet food, chocolate and fine wine. All proceeds go to benefit Luna's programs which aim to bring dance to all children—with special attention to those in underserved communities—and professionals who teach dance in all settings.

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