



## **LUNA DANCE INSTITUTE CELEBRATES NEW HOME WITH OPEN HOUSE EXTRAVAGANZA**

***January 8, 2011—Dance education leader welcomes over 200 to largest Open House event in organization's 19-year history.***

Emeryville, CA—Luna Dance Institute (LDI) kicked off 2011 in its new Emeryville home on Saturday, January 8th to a backdrop of flying streamers, whirling hula hoops, and eager dancers. Children, teens, and adults from across Luna's spectrum of programs took to the dance floor in celebration of the organization's spacious new light-filled facility at 1400 65th Street. Joining them were public school teachers, social service workers, foundation officers, dance artists, and veteran and first-time Luna participants from every sector of the community. Guests enjoyed a series of free dance classes throughout the day interspersed with food, mingling, walk-through tours, and free-play sessions for children of all ages.

Luna has long hosted free Open Houses in the Fall and Spring to launch each new season of Studio Lab, its unique composition-based dance program for children 3-18. This year's event, the first in Luna's new home, surpassed them all in size and enthusiasm. More than forty kids and their care-takers danced over, under, around and through one another in the opening parent-child class. Later in the day dancers got a taste of Luna's Studio Lab classes for children aged 8 and above as they created and performed their own original dances for an audience of peers.

The festive atmosphere marked an occasion long awaited by LDI Directors Patricia Reedy and Nancy Ng. Over the last five years Luna has sought a permanent space for its nationally-recognized programs. That dream came true in December 2010 when the organization moved into the EmeryTech building at the bustling corner of 65th Street and Hollis. Located within blocks of Pixar Animation Studios and the innovative Clif Bar, LDI joins a thriving community of creative professionals that call Emeryville home. Its new facility features a dedicated Professional Learning Resource Center with dance and education materials for check-out, as well as an office suite for Luna's growing staff. Reedy and Ng are thrilled to foster the space as a hub for the many dancers, artists, educators and community workers that Luna serves through its Professional Learning and Model Programs.

To learn more about Luna Dance Institute, view a complete schedule of offerings, or register for classes, visit [lunadanceinstitute.org](http://lunadanceinstitute.org).

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