

Come dance the day away at Luna Dance Institute, March 7

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While looking for extracurricular activities two years ago for my now nine-year old daughter Renee I happily discovered the Luna Dance Institute. For the past two years, including a weeklong summer camp, we have found the Luna experience to be one of the most positive for choreographed movement for children and youth in the Bay Area. Young dancers are allowed to explore space and movement with guided instruction utilizing planned curriculum – something we had not experienced in other dance classes.

Since attending classes at Luna, I have observed that my daughter (as well as others too) has become more aware of her body space. She has also been complimented many times for her poise and self-

awareness. At Luna, independent choreography and team choreographed moves are encouraged, which seems to inspire the young dancers to develop higher levels of self-confidence and a team attitude. Luna's programs are rich in communal spirit with the direct involvement of a most experienced and caring staff each well versed in their craft.

On Saturday, March 7 from 1-9 p.m., Luna will host a Dance-A-Thon, and the entire community is welcome to attend. Participants

can dance all day in free-style dance, swing, improvisation, and line dance sample classes. Organized as a fundraiser, the Luna Dance-A-Thon supports scholarships and community programs that bring dance to 25,000 children. It also will be a great time for you and your family to experience a full day of dance. Participants raise funds through sponsorship or pay an entry fee at the door.

Luna Dance is located at 605 Addison St. near the north end

of Berkeley's Aquatic Park. For more info about Luna Dance Institute or the upcoming Dance-A-

Thon, call (510) 883-1118 or go to lunadanceinstitute.org.



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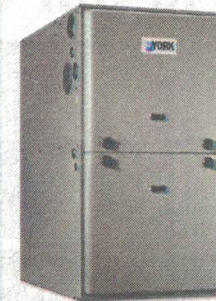
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