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**Luna Dance Institute Aims to Raise \$20,000 for the
20,000 Children Served Annually**

Nationally-acclaimed Bay Area dance organization, Luna Dance Institute anticipates its 24th year with a Dance-A-Thon fundraiser. Participants and their families will enjoy a full day of classes for all ages in Zumba®, African dance, improvisation and line dancing and a dance party with DJ US.

Berkeley, CA - Luna Dance Institute (LDI) is excited to announce this year's DANCE-A-THON fundraiser at our Aquatic Park studio, Saturday March 5th from 1-6PM. Our event features family-friendly classes by guest teachers in improvisation, Zumba, African dance, and line dancing as well as opportunities to win big prizes, enjoy refreshments, and jam to live music by *DJ US*.

Come dance the day away on Luna's beautiful bamboo dance floor and enjoy classes from multiple genres. Vanina Doce-Mood will teach an all-ages Zumba® dance fitness party, Guinean dance teacher, Naby Bangoura will lead African dance for all levels including live drumming, plus improvisation and line dance taught by Luna faculty and board. Towards the end of the afternoon dancers can freestyle to live music spun by *DJ US*. Refreshments and snacks are provided throughout the day.

Attendance will help Luna meet their goal of raising \$20,000, \$1 for each of the 20,000 children served annually through community-based programs in schools, agencies and after-school studio classes. Individuals and families can attend by gathering sponsorships, and for every \$40 raised, a member of the team receives entry. A prize will be given to the team who raises the most money through sponsorships and for the highest number of sponsors. All participants/families who collect sponsors of \$120 or more will receive 3 entry tickets, a Dance-A-Thon t-shirt, and a ticket entered into our birthday drawing. Prizes include a Kindle Fire HD 8, Jambox speakers, tickets for Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, VIP Tara Firma Farm Tour and more.

All proceeds from the Dance-A-Thon 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.

For sponsor forms email kmcginity@lunadanceinstitute.org or call (510) 883-1118. Pictures and more details available at <http://lunadanceinstitute.org/2015-luna-birthday-dance-a-thon/>.



ABOUT LUNA DANCE INSTITUTE

Luna Dance Institute (LDI) is the most comprehensive dance education organization on the west coast. We serve children, families, dance artists, educators, schools and organizations through a variety of programs aimed at increasing access to dance for everyone. Last year we brought dance to over 20,000 children and 300 artists, teachers, and social- service providers. Our rigorous approach emphasizes creativity, collaboration, and composition. LDI's programs include Professional Learning, providing education and support to all who teach dance; Studio Laboratory, the Bay Area's only choreography-based program for children and teens; School and Community Alliances (SCA), supporting schools in our community to build standards-based dance programs; Moving Parents and Children Together (MPACT), providing parent-child dance classes to families in the child welfare system. As an established Institution with a national reputation for expertise and training in dance education—Luna's Building Cultures of Dance initiative offers program planning, implementation, consultation and evaluation to schools, districts, and arts organizations throughout the country. For more information visit:

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