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## **Luna's Silver Jubilee: A Benefit Honoring 25 Years**

Berkeley, CA - *Nationally-acclaimed Bay Area dance organization, Luna Dance Institute, celebrates 25 years with a Dinner and Dance Party on Saturday March 18th at the David Brower Center located at 2150 Allston Way in Downtown Berkeley.*

On **Saturday, March 18, 2017** generous supporters, clients, friends and advocates gather to celebrate Luna Dance Institute's accomplishments and future at the organization's Silver Jubilee. The non-profit, a leading dance education organization that brings dance, equity and creativity to children through professional learning for educators and model programs in public schools, early childhood centers, residential centers, libraries, and at their Berkeley studio has much to celebrate. In addition to their impact on the Bay Area community, directors Patricia Reedy and Nancy Ng recently received awards for their excellence in arts education, were granted the Berkeley city proclamation, and featured on this month's cover of renowned publication *Dance Teacher Magazine*.

Founded on March 8, 1992 Luna first opened its doors to kids and families on Park Ave. in Oakland. Founder Patricia Reedy states, "Although that first act of pulling out my credit card to pay a deposit on the space might be viewed as impulsive; ever since, from the purposeful decision to hold Luna's first Open House on International Women's Day, to our current efforts to develop our next generation of leaders, each and every choice made has been intentional." Luna's mission to bring dance to all children continues to thrive serving over 25,000 annually.

This year's gala features speakers attesting to Luna's history and vision including city council woman Cheryl Davila and organization leaders. Guests at the dinner will enjoy catering by ACT, and auction by CLAR. At 8pm a late night dance party breaks out to the mixes of DJ RE?UESTLOVE. UpSwing Aerial Dance Company's Teens Who Fly performs two sets of aerial dance pieces, and Luna faculty will engage audience in a participatory performance. Other highlights include savory dessert and bon mi stations, live vocalist, and a cash bar.

All proceeds from this benefit support Luna's programs and sustenance. Dinner is 6:30-8pm (\$250) followed by Dance Party (\$50) 8-11pm. Tickets available at <http://lunadanceinstitute.org/silver-jubilee/silver-jubilee-gala/>, (510) 883-1118.

## **ABOUT LUNA DANCE INSTITUTE**

Luna Dance Institute, a 501(c)(3), was founded in 1992 and brings creative dance to children, adults, and families throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, and throughout the United States. In its 25 years, Luna has created continuously-running dance programs in the Oakland Unified School District, and its MPACT program currently offers 90 parent-child classes a year to families in residential centers and public libraries throughout the East Bay. Dance educators around the nation look to Luna's outreach programs, workshops, and resources as a model for the possibilities and potential of dance education. [lunadanceinstitute.org](http://lunadanceinstitute.org)