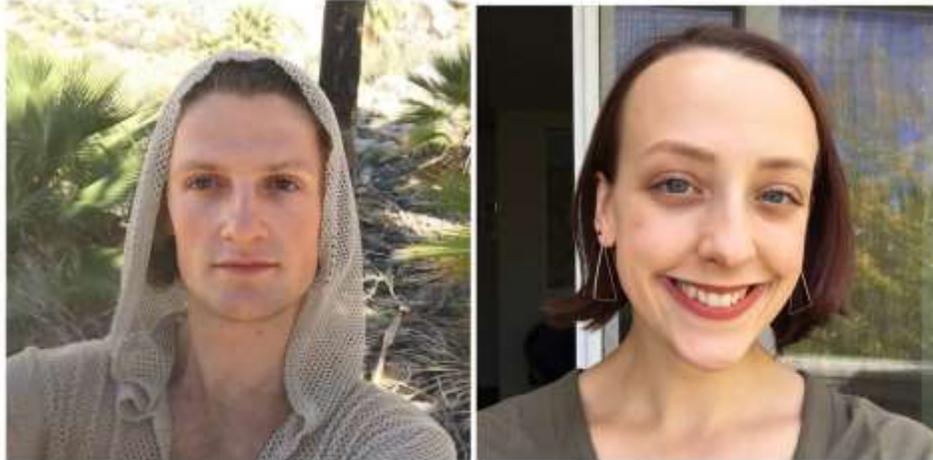


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Luna Dance Welcomes Summer Interns



Luna Dance Institute announces the appointment of two new summer interns, Octavio Hingle-Webster and Juliet Paramor. A growing asset, LDI's internship program attracts young dance educators and administrators who are eager to experience hands-on training with a prominent non-profit arts organization.

LDI's unique internship program mirrors our business model that employs dance teaching artists with dual roles in administration. Summer interns are given the opportunity to assist LDI faculty with summer dance camp classes, prepare literature and promotional materials for Luna's programs, and to participate in Luna's professional learning courses.

Offering more than a summer job, LDI's internship program builds capacity for young leaders with a noticeable future in dance and education. Intern Madison Sha, was accepted the summer before her senior year at Kansas State University in 2015. After participating in Luna's Family Dance Institute during her internship, Sha was inspired to start her own dance company in Kansas City. Ohana Dance Company now offers creative dance workshops for parents and their adoptive children.

This year's interns were chosen based on their commitment to dance and children, and alignment with Luna's mission and philosophy. Hingle-Webster a Berkeley native, recently graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont with a major in dance and minor in education. Hingle-Webster is an aspiring arts educator interested in mixed-ability dance spaces. They have trained with Urban Bush Women, ODC/SF, and AXIS Dance. Paramor received her degree from UC Santa Cruz in human biology and dance. She is excited to "dive deeper into dance education... to learn and grow at Luna, alongside the students and the community it supports." She is also a freelance dance artist and founding member of Shift the Grid, a Santa Cruz/Bay Area based dance collective.

LDI communications manager Cherie Hill is excited by Luna's internship program. "It thrills me to see young adults serious about pursuing a career in dance education. The field continues to grow, and we have the opportunity to help foster this next generation."

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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 all. 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: lunadanceinstitute.org  