

## **Teaching Artist Cherie Hill Participates in National Guild for Community Arts Education Leadership Institute**

Berkeley, CA - The National Guild for Community Arts Education announced that Cherie Hill, dance teaching artist and communications manager at Luna Dance Institute (LDI) is one of 26 arts education leaders selected to participate in the Community Arts Education Leadership Institute (CAELI). The 26 individuals will take part in an intensive learning experience with top trainers and practitioners, as well as an introspective dive into how being a leader impacts them both professionally and personally. The class will join an alumni network that offers online and regional retreats and workshops to continue development training after their core institute ends.

Cherie, who holds an MFA in dance, has taught for seven years at schools in low-income neighborhoods throughout Oakland, CA. She teaches in LDI's MPACT (Moving Parents and Children Together) family dance program, after-school Studio Lab, and Professional Learning programs. As a LDI teaching artist, Cherie has presented at the National Dance Education Organization and CREATE CA Conferences. She manages LDI's Communications and Human Resources, and supervises LDI staff and interns.

Now in its eighth year, CAELI is an eight-month program, which includes a five-day seminar (July 25 – 29, 2017) at Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia, PA; advanced assignments; a 360-degree feedback process; and follow-up coaching. The Institute is led in collaboration with Partners in Performance, Inc., and is designed for those in leadership positions at nonprofit arts education organizations.

“In a time when arts funding is once again a topic of debate at the highest levels, organizations are looking for strong leadership not only to secure their futures but also to ensure their communities are getting quality arts education,” said National Guild Executive Director Jonathan Herman. “By developing the next generation of leaders within our field, the National Guild is increasing equitable access to lifelong learning in the arts for all Americans. We are very excited about our newest ‘CAELIens,’ and look forward to watching them lead our field for years to come.”

When asked how Cherie's participation will benefit LDI, Nancy Ng, Director of Community Engagement states, “Developing teaching artist leaders is core to Luna's mission of dance access for all children. We are thrilled that Cherie has been chosen to participate in CAELI's 2017-18 national leadership cohort, and will have the opportunity to learn with peers who are committed to ‘inclusion, social change, and racial justice’ through the arts.”

To learn more about the CAELI Class of 2017 cohort [click here](#).



## 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:

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