

WHAT IS EQUITY IN DANCE?

Luna Dance Institute presents community panel on Equity in Dance
Saturday, February 23, 2019
2:30-5pm, Free

Berkeley, CA – On Saturday, February 23rd Luna Dance Institute (LDI) opens their studio doors to gather teachers, artists, and activists together for critical dialogue around equity in dance. What is our role and responsibility as dance-makers in addressing equity? How can we make our teaching more inclusive? Who has access to dance and why? Persons working within and outside the field of dance education are invited to participate in this important guest panel that is free and open to the public.

As a 27-year-old organization, questions around equity have been integral to Luna's work since its founding in 1992. LDI's inclusive programs strive to ensure that all kids have access to developing self-awareness, a deep understanding of culture and expression, and a connection to other human beings through dance. Luna's faculty participates in race, equity and inclusion trainings, and the organization has a longstanding reputation as arts education advocates for all children regionally and nationally. An annual event, LDI's panels on dance and inclusion highlight panelists with expertise in working with children with disabilities, and in 2018 the non-profit organization hosted a community forum on dance and equity.

This year's equity in dance panel emphasizes diversity and multi-generational perspectives and features: **Gerald Casel** (Artistic Director, GERALDCASELDANCE), **Zaynah Islam** (Student, Dimensions' Rites of Passage), **Tammy Johnson** (dancer, writer, equity analyst), **Cuauhtémoc Peranda** (UCR Critical Dance Studies Doctoral Student), **Dr. Albirda Rose** (Faculty Emeritus, SFSU & Founder, IDTC), **Judith Smith** (founder, AXIS Dance), **Latanya d. Tigner** (Choreographer/Educator, Dimensions & UC Berkeley).

All interested in this topic are welcome to attend, hear diverse perspectives, and engage in a meaningful conversation that is critical to moving the field of dance and education forward. Those living outside of the area can witness the event through a live video feed. Visit <https://lunadanceinstitute.org/product/equity-in-dance-panel/> for more info.

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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