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**Patricia Reedy and Nancy Ng Receive First Annual  
*Dance Studio Life* “Generous Heart” Award**

Berkeley, Ca— In celebration of 10 years of publication and devotion to the field of dance education, *Dance Studio Life* magazine publisher Rhee Gold announced on May 12, 2014 that Patricia Reedy, Founder and Director of Teaching and Learning and Nancy Ng, Director of Community Engagement, representing Luna Dance Institute (LDI) are recipients of one of six “Generous Heart” awards.

*Dance Studio Life* reported, “Throughout a decade of journalism, *Dance Studio Life* has given attention to those who do important, innovative work in dance education and service to the dance community. The magazine’s publisher, Rhee Gold, and editorial staff wish to acknowledge the efforts of the risk takers and generous hearts who have earned our respect and serve as inspiration for the entire community. This year’s ‘Generous Heart’ recipients have made remarkable contributions to the field; their work reminds us that dance exerts a profoundly important and influential force in our communities and the world at large. We honor the work of these individuals and organizations.”

Reedy and Ng’s award honors Luna’s nationally acclaimed family-based children’s dance programs and their advocacy of professional learning for dance educators. Through MPACT (Moving Parents and Children Together), School and Community Alliances, and Studio Lab, LDI offers developmentally appropriate, creative-based dance classes to all children. Luna’s Professional Learning services increase comprehensive, standards-based teaching practices for a wide range of educators from studio instructors to college professors to social workers.

When asked what receiving the “Generous Heart” award means to them Reedy responded, “I feel honored to be one of the first recipients of an award that’s all about heart.” Ng stated, “At the heart of Luna is the amazing team of women I have the privilege to work with every day. Their strength, passion and dedication to the art of dance and all of its possibilities inspire me to do my work as a co-director at Luna. These amazing colleagues have enabled Patricia and me to receive this honor on behalf of our dance institute.”

Fellow “Generous Heart” award recipients include Joe Lanteri, New York City Dance Alliance Foundation, New York, NY; Susan Slotnick, New Paltz, NY; Gina Gibney, Gibney Dance Center, New York, NY; Mark “Metal” Wong, Steve “Believe” Lungar, and Aaron Troisi, Hip Hop Fundamentals, Philadelphia, PA; and Susan McCutcheon Coutts, Dance Innovations, Chatham, NJ.

A full profile of Patricia Reedy and Nancy Ng, Luna Dance Institute can be found on our media page or in the July 2014 *Dance Studio Life* issue.



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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 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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