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**Nancy Ng Honored with Milestone Award from
National Guild for Community Arts Education**

Berkeley, Ca— On November 4, Nancy Ng, Luna’s Director of Community Engagement was one of seven community arts education leaders honored with the National Guild’s Milestone Certificate of Appreciation for her long-standing, exceptional service to the field at the Guild’s Arts Education Conference in Chicago, IL. The Milestone program recognizes national leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing community arts education for more than 20 years and comes at a pivotal moment for Luna Dance Institute as the organization celebrates 25 years in March.

National Guild Executive Director, Jonathan Herman reported, “This year’s awardees are an incredibly dedicated and influential group. They are leaders who have all had a tremendous impact on their diverse communities, providing arts programs in music, dance, visual and media arts, and myth, which educate and inspire their students. The National Guild is proud to count them and their vital organizations among our members.”

Ng is on the professional learning faculty at Luna where she facilitates professional development workshops and mentors and coaches teaching artists, teachers, and social service workers committed to dance education as a way to strengthen communities. She is a co-founder of MPACT (Moving Parents and Children Together), Luna’s nationally recognized program for families in the child welfare system. Prior to joining Luna, Ng was the administrative director and a resident choreographer with San Francisco’s Asian American Dance Performances (AADP). As an arts practitioner and leader, Ng’s service includes past president of CDEA, regional lead for Teaching Artist Support Collaborative California, board member for the California Alliance for Arts Education, Members Council participant for the National Guild of Community Arts Education, and editorial review board member for National Dance Education Organization’s journal, Dance Education in Practice.

When asked what receiving the Milestone Certificate Award means to her Ng responded, "I am humbled to receive this recognition with seven arts education colleagues across the nation. My mother is an immigrant to the United States, and I am honored that as an Asian-American dancer and arts education leader I can be a role model for the next generation of change-makers who are dedicated to youth arts education."

Visit <http://www.nationalguild.org/About/Our-Awards/Milestone-Recipients/2016-Milestone-bios.aspx> to read the profiles of this year's Milestone Award recipients.



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