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Luna Dance Institute Celebrates 30 Years

Berkeley, CA - Nationally-acclaimed Bay Area dance organization, Luna Dance Institute, invites supporters of the arts and dance education to three vibrant 30th anniversary celebrations this spring. The 30-year milestone commemorates the joy and impact of reaching hundreds of thousands of children, their teachers, and their families, and the beginning of a new chapter for Luna with a Hewlett Adaptation Grant, the purchase of their first permanent home in Berkeley, and the hiring of a new Director of Administration.

March 8, 2022 marks Luna's 30th birthday. Founder Patricia Reedy states, "As we move into our fourth decade, we reflect back on the growth from a community-based dance studio on Park Blvd. in Oakland to a full-fledged dance education organization serving 1,000 educators and reaching 50,000 children each year. Our mission to bring equity, community, and creativity to all children through the art of dance remains the same, but our programs have broadened to deliver dance to schools, early childhood centers, and residential facilities. We look forward to what is possible when every child experiences the liberatory power of self-expression through dance" Luna is thrilled to share the exciting changes coming in their 30th year that will officially launch their vision to reach 1.5 million children in the next 30 years. Luna's permanent home in Berkeley will host collaborative ventures as part of the greater Bay Area arts ecosystem, increase the number of local studio spaces designed for dance-making, learning, and performing, and provide local services to diverse children, families, artists, and teachers. It will also introduce the first Creativity Pedagogy and Research Center in northern California.

There are three opportunities to celebrate 30 years and a bright future with Luna. Starting on March 11th at 7-8:30pm PST, Luna's board of directors will host a virtual game night that promises fun, connection, and many opportunities to win big prizes. Another chance for connection and play comes on May 28th, when we will be joining together in Tilden Park in Berkeley from 12-3:00pm to enjoy our community after a long period of pandemic isolation. And finally, a Soirée on June 2nd from 5-7:00pm at the David Brower Center Terrace in Berkeley where Luna's friends and supporters will gather to celebrate the purchase of a dance education home and raise funds for the new vision. For more information about each celebration and to purchase tickets, visit: <https://lunadanceinstitute.org/30th-anniversary/>.

About Luna Dance Institute

Established in 1992, Luna Dance Institute is a nationally recognized dance education organization that provides services to children and the adults who impact their lives – parents, teachers, social service providers, dancers, and artists. Luna's programs include a composition-based studio program, community events, MPACT (Moving Parents and Children Together) that works within the child welfare system, school- and center-based program

development, and a robust Professional Learning department. Luna's inquiry-driven organizational culture centers artists and teachers as powerful agents of change, uniquely equipped to reveal what equity in dance looks like. These leaders create ripple effects of change that extend from Luna's dance institute in Berkeley, California to classrooms, studios, neighborhoods, and communities everywhere. As we bring all children to dance, we develop future leaders, choreographers, and visionaries.