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**Luna Dance & Creativity announces dance education programs for 2025-2026 season**

Berkeley, CA – Luna Dance & Creativity, California’s only dance school focused exclusively on creativity, choreography, and teaching announces its 2025-2026 community programs for children and families, the educators, artists, caregivers, and agencies that serve them, including an inaugural *Family Dance Film Festival* and *Creativity Street Fair* (see below), and more.

**Programs for children and families**

*Luna Open House*

To learn more about Luna and its robust programs for the community, Luna opens its doors to the public with creative dance and Luna’s signature family dance classes, storytelling, and opportunities to meet the faculty and staff. For details, visit

<https://lunadancecreativity.org/product/studio-lab-open-house-fall-2025/>. Free admission.

Saturday, August 23, 2025

10am – 12pm

931 Ashby Ave, Berkeley

*Studio Lab Kids*

Studio Lab Kids was developed as an alternative after-school creative dance program with the explicit goal of providing young artists, ages 3 through 17, with a course of study to develop as choreographers and creative problem solvers with a keen sense of their bodies moving and communicating in space, time, and community. Classes offered:

*Creative Dance* for 3- to 8-year-old

*Dance Improvisation* for 7- to 11-year-old

*Teen Improvisation and Choreography* for 12- to 17-year-old

Fall term: September 6 through November 22

Spring term: January 13 through June 13

Days, times, and tuition vary. Visit <https://lunadancecreativity.org/product-category/studio-lab/> for schedule or call (510) 883-1118.

### *Pop-Up Family Dance*

Family dance classes offer opportunities for families to play and create together, strengthen bonds, and allow parents to see their children in new ways. Free of charge, visit <https://lunadancecreativity.org/product-category/studio-lab/family-dance/> to for more information and to register.

Sunday, October 12, Strawberry Creek Park

Sunday, October 26, Luna Dance & Creativity

Sunday, November 16, Luna Dance & Creativity

Sunday, December 7, Luna Dance & Creativity

Saturday, January 10, Luna Dance & Creativity

Sunday, February 8, Luna Dance & Creativity

Sunday, March 8, Luna Dance & Creativity\*

Sunday, March 22 Strawberry Creek Park

Sunday, April 26, Strawberry Creek Park

Sunday, May 17, Strawberry Creek Park

Sunday, June 7, Strawberry Creek Park

All classes 10-10:50am

\*Luna's 34<sup>th</sup> birthday – time may vary.

### *Family Dance Film Festival*

The inaugural festival will showcase classic as well as contemporary films over two celebratory days of choreography and cinema, uniquely curated for children. This community-based festival is inspired by the late Bert May, a beloved dancer who graced the screen in timeless classics such as *Mary Poppins*, *The Music Man*, and *Carousel*, and whose legacy includes support for Luna scholarships in perpetuity. Registration is free, donations are welcome. Call (510) 883-1118 for more information.

Saturday, December 12 and 13, 2025

931 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley

## **Programs for Educators, Artists, and Caregivers**

Luna's Professional Learning services provide education and support about dance and culturally responsive teaching for teachers, artists, and community service providers who work with children from birth to adolescents.

### *Early Childhood and Family Dance Workshops*

Workshops weave theories of child development, attachment, culturally responsive teaching, neurocellular patterning, play, and social-emotional learning into the inclusive, holistic teaching of children and families. For more information, contact Kimiko Guthrie at [kguthrie@lunadancecreativity.org](mailto:kguthrie@lunadancecreativity.org) or (510) 883-1118.

#### *Dance & Transitional Kindergarten*

Saturday, September 6, 1-4:15pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

Saturday, January 24, 9am-12pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

Saturday, January 24, 1-3pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

#### *K-5 Dance Standards*

Saturday, September 20, 1-4:30pm, in person at Luna, Fee \$195

#### *Dance & Literacy (for grades pre-Kindergarten to 2)*

Saturday, September 27, 9:30am-12:30pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

#### *Dance & Math*

Saturday, December 6, 9-12pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

#### *Dance & Social Emotional Learning*

Saturday, December 6, 1-4pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

#### *Family Dance*

Saturday, February 22, 12-3pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

#### *Dance & Science*

Saturday, March 7, 1:30-4:30pm, via Zoom, Fee \$195

#### *Dance Teaching in the Summer*

Saturday, June 6, time TBA, via Zoom, Fee \$195

### *Love, Move, Play™: Dance in Early Childhood Seminar Fall 2025*

In this six-week course, participants will investigate how to integrate early childhood development, neurocellular patterns, the elements of dance, spontaneous dance experiences,

and parent-child dance interactions in teaching and caregiving. They will explore how to integrate dance into the curriculum and create dance lessons with student choice and voice at the center. Participants will hone their observation skills and learn how to provide access to dance for all students. No prerequisite. Designed as a virtual course and taught via Zoom.

Saturday, October 18-November 22 (6 sessions), 12:30-3pm, via Zoom, Fee \$575

*Love, Move, Play™* riffing session

Participants will embody themes and topics of the *Love, Move, Play™* Professional Learning course through movement explorations and dance improvisations.

Saturday, November 15, 3:45-5pm, in person at Luna, Free for Luna workshop participants

*Teacher as Creative Practitioner-Scholar: Action Research* (a graduate-level seminar)

Action Research is a methodology for practitioners to conduct research and a systematic study of teaching practices centered on inquiry and observation. Action Research crosses disciplines and is a scholarship of community service that supports creative and conscious teaching, documentation, and reflection-in-action to strengthen anti-biased teaching.

Saturday, January 24-April 25 (no classes on February 14, April 4 and 11), 9:30am-12:30pm, via Zoom, Fee \$660

## **Programs for the Community**

*Luna Creativity Street Fair*

Celebrate dance and creativity at Luna's first Creativity Street Fair on Potter Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets, featuring live music and dance with local artists, and Berkeley's finest arts and craft vendors and businesses. For more information, contact John-Mario Sevilla at [jmsevilla@lunadancecreativity.org](mailto:jmsevilla@lunadancecreativity.org) or 510-883-1118.

Saturday, May 2, 10am-2pm, Free

## **About Luna**

Luna Dance & Creativity is a nationally recognized arts organization and the most comprehensive dance education provider on the West Coast. Founded in 1992, Luna promotes creativity and self-determination through the transformative power of dance, with a focus on serving children and families who are least likely to have access to arts education—including those in the dependency system, living in poverty, or with disabilities. As California's only

dance school rooted in a creativity-based pedagogy, Luna partners with schools, social service agencies, and cultural organizations to reach youth and caregivers across diverse communities. Luna's unique approach integrates research in play, neuroscience, child development, and cultural responsiveness, fostering the choreographer in every child and nurturing the artist in educators, caregivers, and dancers. Through movement and creativity, Luna nourishes familial bonds, deepens community connections, and inspires life-long learners and future creative thinkers.

Last year, 130 families, 1,894 teachers, artists, and caregivers, at least 28,975 students, 4,056 with disabilities and special needs, from eleven counties across the country (Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Shelby, TN, Honolulu, HI, and Kings, NY), twelve public school districts (Berkeley, Fontana, Los Angeles, Miller Creek, Novato, NYC District #13 & #32, Oakland, Reed Union, Ross Valley, San Rafael, and Sausalito), seven states (California, Arizona, Idaho, Tennessee, Alabama, Hawai'i, and New York), six independent schools, and two universities (University of San Francisco and College of Marin) received Luna's programs and resources. Discover more at [lunadancecreativity.org](http://lunadancecreativity.org).