

## **The National Endowment for the Arts Grants Luna Dance Institute \$20,000 for Professional Learning and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer Institute**

Berkeley, CA – Luna Dance Institute has been approved for a \$20,000 Grants for Arts Projects award from the National Endowment for the Arts to support our Dance Teaching & Learning Studies through Professional Learning. This project is among 1,130 projects across America totaling more than \$31 million that were selected during this second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year 2023 funding.

“The National Endowment for the Arts is pleased to support a wide range of projects, including Luna Dance’s Teaching & Learning Studies, demonstrating the many ways the arts enrich our lives and contribute to healthy and thriving communities,” said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD. “These organizations play an important role in advancing the creative vitality of our nation and helping to ensure that all people can benefit from arts, culture, and design.”

The NEA Art Works grant will support Luna’s 22<sup>nd</sup> [Summer Institute](#) as a hybrid yearlong experience that includes in-person workshops, online follow-up sessions, collegial support, and individualized coaching focused on the art of teaching dance. Participants investigate national dance content standards, the elements of dance, human development, learning theory, teaching strategies, arts integration curriculum development, and culturally responsive and inclusive teaching practices through a lens of critical reflection. Luna’s Professional Learning offerings are informed by the inquiries of Summer Institute participants and alumni and are designed to engage them in lifelong learning as significant leaders and contributors to the field.

Luna began our Summer Institute (SI) with the vision of bringing dance teaching artists and classroom teachers together to learn from each other, create community, develop the art of dance teaching, and activate and inspire individual and collective imaginations.

“This reflective and committed cohort includes classroom teachers, teaching artists, and veteran classroom educators transitioning to new roles as dance teaching artists,” shares Director of Programs Jochelle Pereña. “They are rededicating themselves to championing dance and creativity as a pathway towards systemic change, and their perseverance gives me hope for the future.”

**Luna proudly welcomes the following educators to our 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer Institute:**

**Andrea Sakellariou**, Dance Arts, San Rafael

**Arlen Nava**, UCLA Lab School, Los Angeles, CA

**Blair Cronin**, Robert Louis Stevenson School, Carmel, CA

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**Daniel De La Rosa**, Los Angeles Unified School District Arts Branch, Los Angeles, CA

**Kyra Katagi**, San Francisco Ballet Dance in Schools & Communities, San Francisco, CA

**Luz Pereyra**, Madera Unified School District, Madera, CA

**Margaret White**, Buckman Dance Conservatory, Memphis TN

**Maria Zuñiga de Martínez**, Acorn Woodland Child Development Center, Oakland, CA

**Melissa Dykstra**, Castro Performing Arts, Castro Valley, CA

**Sheila Burke**, San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco, CA

**Susanna Hostetter**, California Dance Institute, Los Angeles, CA

**Teresa Savin**, Burton High School, San Francisco, CA

For more information on this National Endowment for the Arts grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news). To learn more about Luna's Summer Institute, visit [lunadanceinstitute.org/professional-learning/institutes/summer](https://lunadanceinstitute.org/professional-learning/institutes/summer).

## 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: [lunadanceinstitute.org](https://lunadanceinstitute.org).