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Luna Dance & Creativity receives grant award from California Humanities

Berkeley, CA – California Humanities has recently announced the 2023-2025 Humanities For All Project Grant awards. Luna Kids Dance, Inc. dba Luna Dance & Creativity has been awarded \$25,000 for its project series, entitled “Radical Research in Dance – 30 Points of View.”

Open to the public in person and livestreamed through a collaboration with Berkeley Community Media starting in the Fall of 2024, “Radical Research in Dance – 30 Points of View” will illuminate and uplift the stories and methodologies of dance artists, educators, cultural strategists, and activists who activate systemic and community transformation through their research and choreographic process. The series, featuring panel conversations and works-in-process presentations, will showcase artists whose creative life is centered on the investigation of social justice issues. According to Luna Director at Large, John-Mario Sevilla, “The program will ask enduring, fundamental questions about a powerful, essential, yet often misunderstood human experience, ‘What is dance?’ and ‘Why does humanity need dance?’”

Humanities For All Project Grant is a competitive grant program of California Humanities that supports locally developed projects that respond to the needs, interests, and concerns of Californians, provide accessible learning experiences for the public, and promote understanding among our state’s diverse population.

California Humanities is honored to welcome our newest round of Project Grant awards,” said the organization’s President and CEO Rick Noguchi. “These projects will push the boundaries for not only how we understand and engage with our diverse array of California histories and cultures, but also provide a unique humanities lens for discussing pressing and important community issues.”

California Humanities promotes the humanities – focused on ideas, conversation and learning – as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect us to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more visit www.calhum.org, or follow California Humanities on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

About Luna Dance & Creativity

Luna is a nationally recognized arts leader and institution that supports families, artists, teachers, leaders, schools, community, and arts organizations through programs that promote

creativity and self-determination through the transformative power of dance. Founded in 1992, Luna has become the most comprehensive dance education organization on the West Coast. Luna fulfills its mission to bring creativity, equity, and community to every child's life through the art of dance provided via education services to the youth and families who are the least likely to receive the benefits of an arts education, including children and mothers in the dependency system and living in poverty; children living in neighborhoods and attending schools with little to no access to arts programs; and children diagnosed with autism, special learning needs, and other disabilities. Luna serves children, families, and dance practitioners through partnerships with schools, social service agencies, and arts and culture organizations. Last year, 519 teachers, who taught 35,895 students, received Luna's services and resources. Discover more at lunadancecreativity.org.