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**Luna Dance & Creativity presents *Luna by Moonlight*,
A fundraising gala that shines the light on dance education for children, families and artists.**

Berkeley, CA – Luna Dance & Creativity hosts ***Luna by Moonlight***, a fundraising gala at its new home at 931 Ashby Avenue in Berkeley, CA, on Thursday, October 17, 2023, 5:30pm. Tickets are \$175 for an individual and \$300 for a couple and can be purchased at <https://lunadancecreativity.org/luna-by-moonlight-gala/>. Proceeds from the gala will support the vast array of Luna’s dance education programs for children and families, and the professional artists, teachers and educational networks that support them. ***Luna by Moonlight*** celebrates the recent opening of Luna Dance Creativity at its brand new, state-of-the-art, ADA-accessible home in Southwest Berkeley.

The gala will also launch the Agnes Lyons Family Dance Fund, eponymously named after the late early childhood educator, social worker, community organizer, and thespian. Lyons managed programs at the Solid Foundation residential social service centers where Luna held hundreds of MPACT (Moving Parents and Children Together) family dance and embodied parent education classes for fourteen years. The Fund will support Luna’s free family dance classes for the community, which are held throughout the year at Berkeley public parks, libraries and at Luna, and MPACT classes in local welfare and treatment agencies to support reunification of parents and children who have been separated from incarceration, substance abuse, domestic violence, family illness, immigration, homelessness or other factors.

Luna by Moonlight will include a live and online “Auction for Creativity” featuring acclaimed works of visual art composed by dancers, such as Janis Brenner, Karen Ensanian Diaz, and Rebecca Stenn, in addition to other exciting items. Luna artists—Mary Jane Agnew, Moriah Costa, Rose Huey, Zoe Huey, Carol Kueffer-Moore, Grace Shaver and Genoa Sperske—will perform dances inspired by the biggest Supermoon (“perigee syzygy”) of the year appearing that night. In addition, ***Luna by Moonlight*** presents

hors d'oeuvres by Aurora Catering, cocktails and wine, and dancing with DJ Toucan. ***Luna by Moonlight*** is made possible through the generous support of Mechanics Bank and Community Bank of the Bay.

About Luna Dance & Creativity

Luna is a nationally recognized arts leader and institution that supports families, artists, teachers, leaders, schools, and community & 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's mission to bring creativity, equity, and community to every child's life through the art of dance is fulfilled 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 and school districts, social service agencies, and arts and culture organizations. Last year, 419 teachers—who taught 29,021 students, 3,282 with disabilities—received Luna's services and resources. Discover more at lunadancecreativity.org.