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Rotunda Dance Series: Dohee Lee

Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,
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San Francisco City Hall

Free

Friday, August 1, 2014
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—July 1, 2014—On Friday, August 1, the Rotunda Dance Series will present sound artist and performer Dohee Lee in *ARA Gut (Ritual of Ocean)*, part of a series of seasonal performance installations in San Francisco. Aiming to bring ritual into city life, *ARA* honors the waterways that connect us to our ancestors through generation and geography. By honoring these interconnections, Lee works to sustain the communities we live in now. *ARA* will be performed by Adria Otte, Dohee Lee, Edward Shocker and Suki O'Kane.

The high-profile Rotunda Dance Series brings many of the Bay Area's most renowned dance companies to San Francisco City Hall's rotunda space for free noon-time performances taking place the first Friday of each month. Events primarily involve dance, but often also include live music, theater or other performing art disciplines.

This free public performance is part of the Rotunda Dance Series, a partnership between Dancers' Group and World Arts West with San Francisco's Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

About Dohee Lee (doheele.com) Born on Jeju Island in South Korea, where shamanic tradition is strong, Dohee Lee learned Korean dance, Korean percussion and vocals. Her art now focuses on integrating these traditional forms with contemporary elements. Each piece and performance blends Eastern and modern Western musical forms and contemporary dance languages into works that emphasize the experimental, ritualistic and healing aspects of music, dance and the visual. Lee has presented her work at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and Carnegie Zankel Hall in New York City. She has performed with the Kronos Quartet and Teatro Municipal de Lima Peru. She has collaborated with a wide range of performers such as Anna Halprin, Shinichi Iova-Koga, Amara Tabor-Smith, Larry Ochs, Francis Wong and Tatsu Aoki. She is the recipient of awards from Creative Capital, Isadora Duncan Dance Awards, National Endowment for the Arts, MAP Fund, Zellerbach Family Foundation, Dancers' Group, East Bay Community Foundation and was an Artist in Residence at the Watermill Center, Headlands Center for the Arts, Montalvo Arts Center, Djerassi Resident Artist Program and Ucross Foundation.

About World Arts West (worldartswest.org) For over three decades, World Arts West has supported and presented world dance artists throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The main

presenting program of the organization is the nationally acclaimed *San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival*, which presents over 100 distinct dance forms and thousands of local dancers who are sustaining and innovating within those forms. The organization works year round to advance cultural literacy and build bridges of cultural understanding.

About Dancers' Group (dancersgroup.org) Dancers' Group promotes the visibility and viability of dance. Founded in 1982, we serve San Francisco Bay Area artists, the dance community and audiences through programs and services that are as collaborative and innovative as the creative process. As the primary dance service organization for the second largest dance community in the country, Dancers' Group's many programs help artists produce work, build audiences, and connect with their peers and the community.

The 2014 Rotunda Dance Series will continue with the following schedule:

September 5: Garrett + Moulton Productions

October 3: Dimensions Dance Theater

November 7: Fall Festival Feature Performance with Bal Anat and Karavansaray Dance Company

December 5: Sean Dorsey Dance

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Dohee Lee

What: Free monthly dance performance, presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West, in partnership with San Francisco Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco

When: Friday, August 1, 2014, Noon

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