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Rotunda Dance Series: San Francisco Taiko Dojo

Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,
in partnership with San Francisco Grants for the Arts and
San Francisco City Hall

Free

Friday, April 3, 2015

12 Noon

San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Mar 13, 2015—On Friday, April 3, the Rotunda Dance Series continues its 5th season with a performance by San Francisco Taiko Dojo. The ensemble will perform Japan's traditional, high-energy Taiko drumming along with a Japanese Lion Dance. The high-profile Rotunda Dance Series brings many of the Bay Area's most celebrated dance companies to San Francisco City Hall's rotunda space for free monthly noon-time performances. The series is presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West in partnership San Francisco's Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

Throughout 2015, the monthly Rotunda Dance Series celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The 1915 Exposition left a lasting imprint on the San Francisco Bay Area, especially in regards to world dance and music. It is only fitting that the highly visible Rotunda Dance Series use this historic anniversary to celebrate the past, present and future of dance in the Bay Area.

About San Francisco Taiko Dojo (sftaiko.com)

San Francisco Taiko Dojo was founded in 1968 by Grand Master Seiichi Tanaka and is composed of approximately 200 students, encompassing a range of ages, ethnicities and skill levels. Grand Master Seiichi Tanaka is considered the father of modern taiko in North America. The first and oldest taiko studio in America, San Francisco Taiko Dojo enjoys worldwide recognition. In addition, the music of Grand Master Tanaka and San Francisco Taiko Dojo has been featured in major motion picture movies -- including "The Right Stuff," "Rising Sun," "Return of the Jedi" and "Apocalypse Now."

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 2015 Rotunda Dance Series continues:

Fri, May 1: inkBoat/Shinichi Iova-Koga
Fri, June 5: Hālau 'o Keikiali'i and Hālau 'o Ku'ulei
Fri, Aug 7: Los Lupeños de San José
Fri, Sep 4: Kaiwen You Chinese Dance
Fri, Oct 2: Mary Sano and Her Duncan Dancers
Fri, Nov 6: Nimely Pan African Dance Company
Fri, Dec 4: Hālau 'o Kawainuhi

Visit dancersgroup.org/rotunda for more information

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: San Francisco Taiko Dojo

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, April 3, 2015, Noon

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