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**UPDATE: Rotunda Dance Series: Honoring Pampa Cortés**

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

**Free**

DATE CHANGED: December 11, 2013

12 Noon

San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—December 2, 2013—Due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned December 6 performance by Dimensions Dance Theater has been cancelled. In its place, join us in honoring the tango dance master Pampa Cortés at noon on Wednesday, December 11.

The high-profile Rotunda Dance Series brings many of the Bay Area's most acclaimed 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. The 2014 Rotunda Dance Series will start up on Friday, March 7 with a performance by Gamelan Sekar Jaya.

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 Narciso del Carmen Cortés aka Pampa Cortés ([pampatangosoul.com](http://pampatangosoul.com))** Dancer and choreographer of international renown, Pampa Cortés, “whose experience puts him in the same class as the great maestros of Argentine dance...” (*Danza Hoy*), hails from the Argentine province of Santiago del Estero. In his early years, he gained fame working with the many masters of tango music in Argentina. He is perhaps best known in the U.S. for his starring role in the wildly popular “Forever Tango,” with which he toured the country for more than two years. Cortés settled in San Francisco, founding and directing “Los Tangueros de San Francisco” (tango), and Pampa y Estrellas (malambo). He now directs and trains a new generation of young dancers in his reprised group, Ballet Pampa Argentina that includes the all-women folkloric group Las Estrellitas. Maestro Cortés is Artist in Residence for Tango & More Argentine Dance in San Francisco. He is the recipient of the Malonga Casquelourd Lifetime Achievement Award, bestowed by World Arts West, for his long, prosperous career and important body of artistic work, which has inspired thousands of people around the world.

**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.

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**Calendar Editors please note:**

**Who:** Rotunda Dance Series: Pampas Cortés

**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:** Wednesday, December 11, 2013, Noon

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