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Rotunda Dance Series: Chitresh Das Dance Company
Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,
in partnership with San Francisco Grants for the Arts and
San Francisco City Hall

Free
May 3, 2013
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—April 1, 2013—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. Renowned Kathak ensemble, the Chitresh Das Dance Company, will perform three works representing both tradition and innovation within this classical Indian dance form. Through the choreographic vision of Pandit Chitresh Das comes work that is evocative and powerful, bringing both the richness of ancient India and a fiery, contemporary sensibility.

May's performance at the Rotunda is a part of Bay Area Dance Week, a 10-day festival of over 600 free classes, workshops, performances, open rehearsals and more. Presented annually by Dancers' Group, the 2013 Bay Area Dance Week (bayareadance.org) runs from April 29th through May 5th. 24,000 people are anticipated to participate in the festival this year.

Join us for this lively and compelling lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall—Friday, May 3, 2013 at noon.

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.

About Chitresh Das Dance Company (kathak.org) The Chitresh Das Dance Company (CDDC) is comprised of dancers whose abilities exemplify Chitresh Das' emphasis on the technical, graceful and dramatic aspects of Kathak dance. Principal Company members have become established artists in their own right, performing internationally to great acclaim. With a repertoire ranging from the exploration of the rhythms of North and South India (Pancha Jati), stories and moving images of the lavish courts of India (Darbar) to the pure dance energy of Tarana, the critically acclaimed Chitresh Das Dance Company continues to captivate audiences on their international tours.

Chitresh Das Dance Company (CDDC) works to preserve the dynamic and rich Indian classical tradition by presenting traditional Kathak performances of excellence, integrity and depth. CDDC simultaneously supports the evolution of the Indian classical arts by presenting collaborative and innovative new works by, renowned master of Kathak, choreographer and

composer, Pandit Chitresh Das. CDDC dancers are emerging as the next generation of powerful Kathak artists showcasing the traditional Kathak solo. CDDC has consistently produced successful, internationally acclaimed productions throughout its 33-year history.

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.

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.

The 2013 Rotunda Dance Series will continue on Friday, June 7 with the opening of the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival and performances by Ballet Folklórico Netzahualcoyotl and Fogo Na Roupas Performing Company.

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: **Chitresh Das Dance Company**

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, May 3, 2013, Noon

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Images available upon request.

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