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Rotunda Dance Series: Dimensions Dance Theater

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

Free

Friday, October 3, 2014
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—September 2, 2014—Blending African, Jazz and Modern dance styles, Oakland's Dimensions Dance Theater will perform in the free Rotunda Dance Series at noon on Friday, October 3. Dimensions will showcase excerpts from their recent 40th anniversary season, including the acclaimed *Down the Congo Line*, a South African Gumbo dance and *Yesterday-Yesternow*, a Modern piece choreographed by Garth Fagan. Their youth ensemble, Dimensions Extensions, will also perform Hip Hop and traditional Guinea West African Dance.

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 Dimensions Dance Theater (dimensionsdance.org)

For four decades under the leadership of Co-Founder and Artistic Director Deborah Vaughan, Dimensions Dance Theater has dedicated itself to creating, performing and teaching dance that reflects the lives and historical experience of African Americans. Under Vaughan's artistic leadership, Dimensions Dance Theater presents traditional African dances, as well as original contemporary choreography drawn from African, Jazz and Modern dance idioms. Its repertory includes original works by its award-winning artistic director along with commissioned works by some of the most acclaimed choreographers in Africa and the African diaspora. Since 1993 the company has spearheaded Rites of Passage, an educational program serving more than 850 children and youth each year. Rites of Passage has been recognized with a Marcus Foster Foundation Award and the prestigious Jefferson Award, known as the "Nobel Prize for public service."

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 on Friday, November 7 at noon with a pairing of traditional Egyptian dance ensembles, Bal Anat and Karavansaray Dance Company.

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Dimensions Dance Theater

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, October 3, 2014, Noon

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