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Rotunda Dance Series: AXIS 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
Aug 3, 2012
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—June 8, 2012—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. This month's featured group, **AXIS Dance Company**, is a pioneering contemporary ensemble of performers with and without disabilities. Join us for this informative and compelling lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall—Friday, August 3, 2012 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 AXIS Dance Company (axisdance.org) one of the world's most acclaimed and innovative ensembles of performers with and without disabilities, aims to change the way people think about dance and the possibilities of the human body forever. Founded in 1987, AXIS has become a jewel of contemporary dance and disability culture. AXIS has paved the way for a powerful contemporary dance form—physically integrated dance—performing nationwide, as well as in Europe and Siberia. Under the artistic direction of Judith Smith, the Company's list of collaborators read like a Who's Who of contemporary dance and has received seven Isadora Duncan Dance Awards. AXIS is also known for its acclaimed

education/outreach program Dance Access and its youth component Dance Access/KIDS!

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 series will feature the following artists from September to December 2012: Duniya Dance & Drum Company (traditional and innovative performance pieces from Guinea, West Africa, and Punjab, India), SoulForce Dance Company (dynamic group with its roots in the hip hop genre), Los Lupeños de San José (exploring the rich and passionate culture of México through dance), and Chris Black (award-winning choreographer and restless explorer).

Rotunda Dance Series FREE performances dates:

Friday, September 7: Duniya Dance & Drum Company

Friday, October 5: SoulForce Dance Company

Friday, November 2: Los Lupeños de San José

Friday, December 7: Chris Black

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: AXIS 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, Aug. 3, 2012, Noon

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