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

Free
Nov 4, 2011, 12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—September 26, 2011—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 artist, **Gamelan Sekar Jaya**, is a sixty-member company of musicians and dancers, based in Berkeley, specializing in the performing arts of Bali. Join us for this compelling lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall—Friday, Nov 4, 2011 at noon.

The high profile Rotunda Dance Series brings 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 Gamelan Sekar Jaya (gsj.org) Gamelan Sekar Jaya, is a sixty-member company of musicians and dancers, directed by I Dewa Putu Berata and Emiko Saraswati Susilo, specializing in the performing arts of Bali and based in Berkeley, CA. Founded in 1979, Gamelan Sekar Jaya has performed throughout California, the US, and Bali—in venues ranging from New York's Symphony Space to remote village squares in Bali. At this event they will be presenting the traditional offering dance along with a *topeng* (mask) dance, with musical accompaniment by the gamelan *angklung*— an ensemble composed of bronze metallophones, gongs, and bamboo flute.

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.

Future Rotunda Dance Series FREE performances include:

Friday, Dec 2: Dance Brigade

2012 Rotunda programming is TBA. The series will continue in February with the same monthly first-Friday format.

Calendar Editors please note:

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Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco

When: Friday, Nov 4, 2011, Noon

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