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

Free
May 6, 2011, Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—March 28, 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, Hui Tama Nui, a dance company which was formed to preserve the Tahitian culture and its valued traditions while simultaneously aspiring to combine youthful energy and avant-garde style to Tahitian performances. Join us for their dramatic lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall—Friday, May 6, 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 might also include live music, theater or other performing art disciplines.

About Hui Tama Nui (huitamanui@gmail.com)

Hui Tama Nui is the professional dance company of the newly formed non-profit organization, The Conservatory of Polynesian Performing Arts (COPPA) and has been performing since 1997. "Hui Tama Nui," meaning "The Next Generation" in the Tahitian language, expresses an appropriate name for the dance company led by a group of young directors, who have been mentored by legendary Tahitian instructors of French Polynesia. By creating and designing original production material, the dance company connects with the emotions and themes more personally. As a result, the dance company portrays a unique understanding of the culture's dance, music, language and expression as a dynamic performing art. Hui Tama Nui has won numerous awards including consecutive overall professional group awards from 2005 through 2008 at prestigious Tahitian dance competitions. Awarded categories include best music, best costume, best drumming as well as best traditional and contemporary Tahitian dance. Hui Tama Nui has also had the honor of being part of the 2010 cast of the *San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival* where they performed *Pepe Hau*, the legend of the moth as messengers of the night, a performance that earned them two nominations for an Isadora Duncan Dance Award. Their next production will be at the 2011 *San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival*, where they will be presenting, *Rumia*, a personal story inspired by the ancient legend of *Ta'aroa*, the Tahitian god of creation.

For more information about classes, private lessons, and/or shows, please contact huitamanui@gmail.com

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, June 3: Ohlone Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribal Dance

Friday, July 1: Nimely Pan African Dance Company

Friday Aug 5: Parangal Dance Company

Calendar Editors please note:

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Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco

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