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**Rotunda Dance Series: Nimely Pan African 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**  
July 1, 2011, 12 Noon  
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—May 24, 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. July's event will feature **Nimely Pan African Dance Company**, a Liberian folkloric dance company based in Oakland. Join us for this dynamic lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall—Friday, July 1, 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 the Nimely Pan African Dance Company**

Nimely Pan African Dance Company was established in Minnesota in 1994 by Artistic Director Nimely Napla, and is now based in Oakland. Under his direction, they have toured nationally and host *Panafest*, an annual West African dance and drum conference. The company has been invited to perform by the NAACP in Washington, D.C. and for numerous Liberian delegates including Ambassador Rachel G. Diggs and Liberian President Ellen Johnson. Nimely has also received a Certificate of Excellence Award from former Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton.

**About Dancers' Group ([dancersgroup.org](http://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](http://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, Aug 5: Parangal Dance Company

Friday, Nov 4: Gamelan Sekar Jaya

**Calendar Editors please note:**

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**Cost:** Free

**Where:** City Hall, San Francisco

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