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

Free
Sep 7, 2012
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—August 1, 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, **Duniya Dance and Drum Company**, present both live West African dance and music, as well as Bhangra, a harvest dance from Punjab. Join us for this informative and compelling lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall—Friday, September 7, 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 Duniya Dance and Drum Company (duniyadance.com) Founded in April 2007 in San Francisco, Duniya Dance and Drum Company's performs and teaches traditional and innovative performance pieces from Guinea, West Africa and Punjab, India. Duniya's mission is to cultivate respect for traditional forms, foster cultural exchange, effect social justice and engage in community building. The word duniya means "world" in a wide array of languages, including Punjabi, Arabic, Susu and Wolof. Duniya's work embodies this word, as it explores the forces that have brought together the members of the company and their dance and drum styles, including, but not limited to, colonization, globalization, immigration,

art, dance, music and love. Duniya's Artistic Director, Joti Singh, highly values collaboration; the company has produced work with several other artists as well as non-arts organizations. Duniya's work is characterized by its high energy and the unique way it simultaneously pays homage to traditional forms while innovating within them to address subject matters relevant to contemporary times.

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 in 2012: SoulForce Dance Company (a dynamic group with its roots in the hip hop genre), Los Lupeños de San José (a company exploring the rich and passionate culture of México through dance), and Chris Black (an award-winning choreographer and restless explorer).

Rotunda Dance Series FREE performances dates:

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: **Duniya Dance and Drum 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, Sep 7, 2012, Noon

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