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Rotunda Dance Series: Asociación Cultural Kanchis

Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,
in partnership with San Francisco Grants for the Arts and
San Francisco City Hall

Free

Sep 6, 2013
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—August 1, 2013— Join us for a lively lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall. September's performance will feature **Asociación Cultural Kanchis** in folk dances from Peru, including a farmers' dance, a shepherds' dance and traditional costume pageantry.

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.

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.

About Asociación Cultural Kanchis ([facebook.com/pages/Asociacion-Cultural-Kanchis/104168239620966](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Asociacion-Cultural-Kanchis/104168239620966)) Kanchis is a non-profit Peruvian cultural association founded in 1995 by Director Miguel Sanchez and a group of Peruvian friends. Its goal is to preserve and promote Peru's rich and colorful culture through its most popular expression, the folkloric dance. The name *Kanchis*, meaning "us," is taken from the Quechua, the Incas' language; it also refers to the dance performed by the Indian village Majors carrying their staff as a sign of power. Kanchis performs their wide repertory of Peruvian dances in different local venues, as well as numerous universities and festivals, including the renowned San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival, Long Beach State University, UC Santa Cruz, Sacramento Performing Arts Festival, the California State Fair and the Miami Dance festival.

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.

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.

The 2013 Rotunda Dance Series will continue on Friday, October 4.

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Asociación Cultural Kanchis

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, September 6, 2013, Noon

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Images available upon request.

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