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Rotunda Dance Series: Lenora Lee Dance

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

Free

Friday, September 4, 2015
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—August 1, 2015—On Friday, September 4th, the Rotunda Dance Series presents **Lenora Lee Dance** in excerpts from its latest performance work, *Fire of Freedom*, a new multimedia immersive dance piece. The performance of *Fire of Freedom* at City Hall is part of Lenora Lee Dance's 8th Anniversary Season which continues with its premiere at the General's Residence in Fort Mason Center September 10-20, in partnership with Fort Mason Center, Asian Improv aRts, API Cultural Center, and the Chinese Historical Society of America. Lenora Lee Dance's work integrates contemporary dance, film, music, and research and has gained increasing attention for its sustained pursuit of issues related to immigration, global conflict, and its impacts, particularly on women and families.

The high-profile **Rotunda Dance Series** brings many of the Bay Area's most celebrated dance companies to San Francisco City Hall's rotunda space for free monthly noon-time performances. The series is presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West in partnership with Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

Throughout 2015, the monthly Rotunda Dance Series celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The 1915 Exposition left a lasting imprint on the San Francisco Bay Area, especially in regards to world dance and music. It is only fitting that the highly visible Rotunda Dance Series use this historic anniversary to celebrate the past, present and future of dance in the Bay Area.

About Lenora Lee Dance (lenoraleedance.com)

For the last eight years, Lenora Lee Dance has been pushing the envelope of large-scale multimedia dance performance that connects various styles of movement and music to culture, history and human rights issues. Its work has grown to encompass the creation, presentation, and screening of films, museum and gallery installations, civic engagement and educational programming. The company is directed by San Francisco native Lenora Lee, who has been a dancer, choreographer and artistic director for the past 17 years in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. In 2013 she was an Artist Fellow at the de Young Museum and a Djerassi Resident Artist. She is currently a Visiting Scholar at New York University, an Artist in

Residence at Dance Mission Theater, and is being commissioned by Fort Mason Center to create *Fire of Freedom* premiering this September 10-20. Lenora Lee Dance creates works that are both set in public and private spaces, intimate and at the same time large-scale, inspired by individual stories as well as community strength.

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 a hybrid dance service and presenting 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 2015 Rotunda Dance Series continues:

Fri, Oct 2: Mary Sano and Her Duncan Dancers
Fri, Nov 6: Nimely Pan African Dance Company
Fri, Dec 4: Hālau 'o Kawainuhi

Visit dancersgroup.org/rotunda for more information

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Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco

When: Friday, September 4, 2015, Noon

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