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Rotunda Dance Series: Bolivia Corazón de América
Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,
in partnership with Grants for the Arts and
San Francisco City Hall

Free

Friday, December 9, 2016
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—October 31, 2016—In their sixth season of free monthly dance performances in San Francisco City Hall's extraordinary rotunda, Dancers' Group and World Arts West continue their partnership to bring audiences lunchtime glimpses into movement and musical traditions from around the world.

This December, Bolivia Corazón de América closes the Rotunda Dance Series with an array of dances from the South American country of Bolivia, celebrating its diverse and rich culture. A mixture of traditional dances from the Andes high plateau, the valley, and the Amazon will culminate in one of Bolivia's most emblematic forms, the Cueca. Descended from Indian-American, African and Spanish roots, this courtship dance was born at the beginning of the nineteenth century and is widely popular today, and is danced on stages, in the streets, and on national and social occasions throughout the country.

The 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 Rotunda Dance series is presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West in partnership with Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall. Artists who will be presented during the 2017 Rotunda Dance Series will be announced shortly.

About Bolivia Corazón de América (bcadance.com)

Bolivia Corazón de América was formed in 2000 by Susana Salinas to connect Bolivian American children to their heritage. It continues to showcase Bolivia's vivid culture, and now includes young dancers from other Latin American countries and the U.S. The company educates audiences through high-quality, professional performances, often re-creating Bolivian dances by taking on innovative approaches to ancient and rare forms.

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 itself. In response to the needs of its constituents, Dancers' Group has evolved to fulfill a dual function as a service organization and as a presenter of performance opportunities that maximize the visibility of dance in the Bay Area.

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Bolivia Corazón de América

What: Free monthly dance performance, presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West, in partnership with Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco

When: Friday, December 9, 2016, Noon

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Images available for download:

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