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**Rotunda Dance Series:**  
**Charya Burt Cambodian Dance**  
Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,  
in partnership with Grants for the Arts and  
San Francisco City Hall

**Free**  
**Friday, Nov 3, 2017**  
12 Noon  
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA— September 15, 2017—In their seventh season presenting 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 November, Charya Burt Cambodian Dance will present *Celestial Flowers*, a sublime Rotunda blessing composed of two dance pieces: one from the classical repertory, *Chun Por*; and one of Burt's newest choreographies, *Heavenly Garden*, a 2016 San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival premiere that brings to life the ancient concept of heavenly perfection. Highlighting Burt's two passions, cultural preservation and classical innovation, she will begin the program with a sacred prayer followed by *Chun Por (The Wishing Dance)*, traditionally performed to send blessings to the audience with flower petals tossed to offer happiness and prosperity. The program closes with a re-staging of *Heavenly Garden*, depicting the journey of a princess and her maidens in search of eternal beauty and how they embrace the majestic yet peaceful nature that surrounds them.

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

The 2017 Rotunda Dance Series will conclude with Nicaragua Danza, Hijos del Maíz on December 1.

**About Charya Burt Cambodian Dance ([charyaburt.com](http://charyaburt.com))**

Dedicated to the preservation and advancement of Cambodian dance through formal instruction, workshops, and public performances, Charya Burt Cambodian Dance, based in the San Francisco Bay Area, was established in 1993. Over the past fifteen years, the company has expanded its focus to create new works deeply rooted in tradition that grace innovation. All

dancers who perform with the company are classically trained and former students of Burt. Performing in a wide range of venues and festivals in Northern California and beyond, Burt and her dancers are the only professional touring company of Cambodian dance in the Western United States.

**About World Arts West** ([worldartswest.org](http://worldartswest.org))

For nearly four 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](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 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: Charya Burt Cambodian Dance

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, November 3, 2017, Noon

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