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Rotunda Dance Series:
Nicaragua Danza, Hijos del Maíz
Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,
in partnership with Grants for the Arts and
San Francisco City Hall

Free
Friday, Dec 1, 2017
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA— November 7, 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.

In the culminating performance of the 2017 season of the Rotunda Dance Series, Nicaragua Danza, Hijos del Maíz presents dances from the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of Nicaragua. A set of marimba dances will be performed in celebration of the city of Masaya, known as "The Cradle of Nicaraguan Folklore" for its abundance of cultural activity. Next, they will introduce their latest work *Cultura Garífuna*. Representing the Autonomous Region of the South Atlantic of Nicaragua, *Cultura Garífuna* honors the cultural identity, language, dance and music of the Island Carib, Arawak indigenous people, and Africans who were brought to the Americas and enslaved.

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 Rotunda Dance Series will continue in 2018:

Friday, February 9
Friday, March 2
Friday, April 27
Friday, May 4
Friday, June 8
Friday, July 6
Friday, September 7
Friday, October 5
Friday, November 2

Friday, December 7

2018 Series details will be updated at dancersgroup.org/rotunda

About Nicaragua Danza, Hijos del Maiz

Nicaragua Danza, Hijos del Maíz was founded in 2011 to keep Nicaragua's diverse culture and traditions alive by promoting and sharing it through dance. Their repertoire is composed of a variety of dances from different regions of the country, from zapateado, polkas, mazurcas and May pole. Nicaragua Danza prides itself not only in entertaining their audiences, but in creating a community where young people, parents and children are able to appreciate and learn more about their own culture far away from home.

About World Arts West (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)

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: Nicaragua Danza, Hijos del Maíz

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 1, 2017, Noon

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