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

Free
Friday, November 2, 2018
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—In their eighth 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.

Oakland-based dance company, TURFinc specializes in the Turf (Taking Up Room on the Floor) dance style. The dance form originated from the Hyphy movement in the Bay Area in the late nineties. TURFinc director Johnny Lopez describes the four elements of Turf dancing as "footwork, storytellin', pantomiming, and swagger. Gliding is an important part of footwork. Each movement tells a story. Pantomime is straightforward. But swagger is everything. Swagger is groove." Lopez adds that, "Turfin' is a social critique and recognition of lost African American lives, police brutality, and race relations in Oakland." November's performance with the Rotunda Dance Series will showcase varying styles of Turfin', hip hop, gliding, bone breaking, tutting, and waving.

About TURFinc (theturfinc.com)

TURFinc is an Oakland based hip hop dance company that has created a platform for inner city kids to learn the fundamentals of TURF dancing and has given them an engaging, exciting way to stay off of the streets. The goal of TURFinc is to take this powerful dance style beyond the streets and into a safe, positive environment where dancers have the opportunity to showcase and share their stories and skills with a broader audience.

The Rotunda Dance Series will continue on Friday, December 7th, highlighting Afro-Peruvian cultural traditions with Cunamacué. The Series will return in early 2019 with performances announced soon. 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.

About World Arts West (worldartswest.org)

For 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: Rotunda Dance Series: TURFinc

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 2, 2018, Noon

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