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## Rotunda Dance Series: Tiruchitrambalam School of Dance

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

## Free

Friday, April 11, 2014 12 Noon San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—March 3, 2014—On Friday, April 11, the Rotunda Dance Series will present Tiruchitrambalam School of Dance performing three dances—ranging from solo to group work, and abstract to story-driven pieces in the classical Indian dance form, Bharatanatyam. The Tiruchitrambalam School of Dance strives to transcend the boundaries of tradition and widen the aesthetic appreciation of Bharatanatyam by journeying beyond regional barriers.

The high-profile Rotunda Dance Series brings many of the Bay Area's most renowned dance companies to San Francisco City Hall's rotunda space for free noon-time performances taking place the first Friday of each month. Events primarily involve dance, but often also include live music, theater or other performing art disciplines.

This free public performance is part of the Rotunda Dance Series, a partnership between Dancers' Group and World Arts West with San Francisco's Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

**About Tiruchitrambalam School of Dance (deepamahadevan.com)** Tiruchitrambalam School of Dance is located in East Bay and has been training students from 5 to 20 years old in the dance form Bharatnatyam for the past ten years. Tiruchitrambalam has liaised with leading community organizations like Kalalaya, Bharathi Tamil Sangam, Guru Shradha and Tarangini, among others and produced large operatic dance ballets such as *Silapathigaram*, *Sense Beyond*, *Triveni* and *Sivagamiyin Sabadam*. Several students have graduated from Tiruchitrambalam and continue to teach and pursue careers in dance. The Artistic Director of Tiruchitrambalam, Deepa Mahadevan, is an avid performer and teacher, and is currently pursuing her PhD with the University of California, Davis, in the Performance Studies Graduate Group.

**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 the primary dance service 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 2014 Rotunda Dance Series will continue with the following schedule:

May 2: La Tania Baile Flamenco Company (part of Bay Area Dance Week)

**June 5:** Opening of the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival

**August 1:** Dohee Lee

**September 5:** Garrett + Moulton Productions

October 3: Dimensions Dance Theater

**November 7:** Fall Festival Feature Performance with Bal Anat and Karavansaray Dance

Company

**December 5:** Sean Dorsey Dance

## **Calendar Editors please note:**

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

Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco When: Friday, April 11, 2014, Noon

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