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Rotunda Dance Series: Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi, with special guest Eddie Madril

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

Free

Friday, December 4, 2015
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—November 6, 2015—As the final Rotunda Dance Series performance of 2015, Dancers’ Group and World Arts West are thrilled to present **Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi** in their first performance in City Hall’s grande Rotunda. Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi will present a series of traditional Hawaiian hula pieces focused on the theme of “honoring,” including the upcoming *Makahiki* (Hawaiian New Year), connections to the land, and deities. The show will begin with a special performance of a Native American Hoop Dance by the renowned dancer Eddie Madril.

Throughout 2015, the monthly Rotunda Dance Series has celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. December’s performance wraps up this year of celebration on the exact anniversary of the closing of the PPIE a century ago, paying tribute to cultural forms indigenous to the United States. The 1915 Exposition left a lasting imprint on the San Francisco Bay Area, especially in regards to world dance and music. It is only fitting that the highly visible Rotunda Dance Series use this historic anniversary to celebrate the past, present and future of dance in the Bay Area.

The high-profile Rotunda Dance 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 series is presented by Dancers’ Group and World Arts West in partnership with Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

About Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi

Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi was established in 2002 by *Kumu* (teacher) Kau’i Peralto to protect and perpetuate the integrity of Hawaiian cultural traditions. Kumu Kau’i is a native Hawaiian traditionalist and cultural practitioner whose primary focus is teaching and sharing the culture through hula, which includes *mele* (songs, poetry), *oli* (chant), *mo‘lelo* (storytelling), *‘lelo* (language), *mo‘oku‘auhau* (genealogy), and *hana no‘aeu* (arts & crafts).

About Eddie Madril (sewamdance.com)

Eddie Madril is a member of the Pascua Yaqui tribe of Southern Arizona and Northern Sonora Mexico. He is an active member of the Native American community and a representative of his culture through various aspects: as a dancer, singer, educator, playwright, and filmmaker. He is the founder of Sewam American Indian Dance Company presenting Native American Arts and Culture for over 25 years amongst diverse communities. He is currently a professor at San Francisco State University where he has taught American Indian music, contemporary culture, and oral literature. He has presented as a guest lecturer across the country in American Indian music and dance and for academic symposiums on a variety of Native American issues for Tufts University, Stanford University, St. Mary's College, and Dominican University, among others.

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 a hybrid dance service and presenting 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.

Save the Dates for the 2016 Rotunda Dance Series

Friday, February 12

Friday, March 4

Friday, April 29

Friday, May 13

Friday, June 3

Friday, August 5

Friday, September 2

Friday, October 7

Friday, November 4

Friday, December 9

The full schedule, including artist information, will be announced soon. Visit dancersgroup.org/rotunda for more information.

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi, with special guest Eddie Madril

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 4, 2015, Noon

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Photo of Kau’i Peralto, Kumu at Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi, photo by RJ Muna

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