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Rotunda Dance Series: Gamelan Sekar Jaya

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

Free

March 7, 2014
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—February 1, 2014— Join us to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the acclaimed Balinese music and dance ensemble, Gamelan Sekar Jaya. Their angklung and dance ensembles will perform a selection of works that draw upon the sweet and gentle tones of angklung with pieces that span the wide spectrum of Balinese angklung and dance repertoire, in arrangements that celebrate the beauty of the Rotunda's architectural design.

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 Gamelan Sekar Jaya (gsj.org) Gamelan Sekar Jaya's mission is to foster artistic exchange between Bali and the United States through residencies, workshops, performances and the creation of innovative new works of music and dance; and to share the excitement of this exchange with diverse audiences locally, nationally, and abroad. An internationally acclaimed group of musicians and dancers, Gamelan Sekar Jaya has made the performing arts of Bali its specialty. Founded in 1979, the sixty-member ensemble has presented hundreds of concerts throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Mexico and Bali. Their success arose not only from devotion to traditional repertoire but also from innovative work. Gamelan Sekar Jaya is regarded as "the finest Balinese gamelan outside of Indonesia" (*Tempo* magazine) and is the only non-Balinese group to receive a *Dharma Kusuma*, Bali's highest award for artistic achievement.

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:

- April 11:** TBA
- 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
- 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, March 7, 2014, Noon

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