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Rotunda Dance Series: Minoan Dancers

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

Free

Friday, March 20, 2015 12 Noon San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Feb 13, 2015—On Friday, March 20, the Rotunda Dance Series continues its 5th season with a performance of traditional Greek dance by the Minoan Dancers. 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 San Francisco's Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

Throughout 2015, the monthly Rotunda Dance Series celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. 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.

About Minoan Dancers (minoans.com) The Minoan Dancers were created in 1986 by artistic directors Vasilis and Effie Fourakis at the Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church in Marin County, and are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Greek culture and folk dancing in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. The Minoan Dancers have performed throughout California at events such as the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival, Marin Greek Festival, church festivals, the Marin County Fair, charity functions and retirement homes, and at celebrations of Greek national holidays.

About World Arts West (<u>worldartswest.org</u>)

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 2015 Rotunda Dance Series continues:

Friday, April 3 Friday, May 1 Friday, June 19 Friday, August 7 Friday, September 4 Friday, October 2 Friday November 6 Friday December 4

Visit dancersgroup.org/rotunda for more information

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Minoan Dancers

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 20, 2015, Noon

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