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Rotunda Dance Series: inkBoat / Shinichi Iova-Koga

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

Free

Friday, May 1, 2015
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Mar 31, 2015—On Friday, May 1, the Rotunda Dance Series continues its 5th season with a performance entitled *Ritual 4-6: ascent*, by Oakland-based inkBoat. The free performance features duets by Dana and Shinichi Iova-Koga, choreographed by Molissa Fenley and Wanjiru Kumuyu with live music by Suki O'Kane, Jason Ditzian, Max Baloian, Tim Kim, Katherine McDonald and Dan Gottwald.

This special event is part of a larger performance project, *95 Rituals*, directed by inkBoat's Shinichi Iova-Koga and honoring the work of legendary choreographer Anna Halprin, in celebration of her 95th birthday. *95 Rituals* is a series of free site-specific performances made with guest musicians and artists from around the world. Performances continue through mid-July in various locations in San Francisco. For the full schedule and more details visit 95rituals.org.

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.

The performance by inkBoat at the Rotunda is a part of **Bay Area Dance Week**, a 10-day festival of over 500 free classes, workshops, performances, open rehearsals and more. Presented annually by Dancers' Group, the 2015 Bay Area Dance Week (bayareadance.org) runs from April 24 through May 3. More than 20,000 people are anticipated to participate in the festival this year.

About inkBoat (inkboat.com)

Founded by Shinichi Iova-Koga in 1998, inkBoat is a physical theatre & dance company built by and with the collaborative efforts of choreographers, musicians, dancers, actors, visual artists and directors. The company concerns itself with everyday reality and invisible influence, cultivating mystery within human experience, merging tradition and experimentalism. inkBoat has been

recognized numerous times by the Isadora Duncan Awards Committee, receiving 12 nominations and 4 Izzie awards: “Outstanding Achievement in Company Performance” for the 2008 production of *c(H)ord*, “Outstanding Achievement in Visual Design” for the 2011 performance *Line Between*, “Outstanding Achievement in Company Performance” for 2004’s *Ame to Ame*, “Outstanding Achievement in Visual Design” for 2003’s *Heavens’ Radio*.

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 2015 Rotunda Dance Series continues:

Fri, June 5: Hālau ‘o Keikiali‘i and Hālau ‘o Ku‘ulei

Fri, Aug 7: Los Lupeños de San José

Fri, Sep 4: Kaiwen You Chinese Dance

Fri, Oct 2: Mary Sano and Her Duncan Dancers

Fri, Nov 6: Nimely Pan African Dance Company

Fri, Dec 4: Hālau ‘o Kawainuhi

Visit dancersgroup.org/rotunda for more information

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: inkBoat / Shinichi Iova-Koga

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. Part of Bay Area Dance Week 2015, a 10-day festival of free dance events across the region.

Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco

When: Friday, May 1, 2015, Noon

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