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Rotunda Dance Series: AXIS Dance Company
Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,
in partnership with Grants for the Arts and
San Francisco City Hall

Free

Friday, October 7, 2016
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—August 30, 2016—In their sixth season of free monthly dance performances in San Francisco City Hall's extraordinary rotunda, Dancers' Group and World Arts West continue their partnership to bring audiences lunchtime glimpses into movement and musical traditions from around the world.

This October, after a fifteen-city tour, AXIS Dance Company returns home to share with Bay Area audiences a sampling of its current works. Over the past year, AXIS has connected with veteran populations across the United States with *to go again*, a dance theater work by Joe Goode inspired by veterans' stories of resilience. Additional works in the program include excerpts from Alex Ketley, Maurya Kerr and Bobbi Jene Smith's *In Defense of Regret*, Sonya Delwaide's *Dix minutes plus tard* and Marc Brew's *Divide*.

The Rotunda Dance Series will continue monthly in 2016 with performances by the Mussel Rock Cloggers (November 4) and Bolivia Corazón de América (December 9).

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

About AXIS Dance Company (axisdance.org)

AXIS Dance Company exists to change the face of dance and disability. Based in Oakland, CA, since 1987, AXIS is one of the world's most acclaimed and innovative ensembles of performers with and without disabilities. Under the Artistic Direction of Judith Smith, the company has collaborated with leading contemporary choreographers and composers. AXIS has toured nationwide as well as internationally. AXIS was featured twice on FOX TV's *So You Think You Can Dance* and has been honored with seven Isadora Duncan Dance Awards. Through its education and outreach program, *Dance Access*, thousands of children and adults of all ages and abilities are inspired to dance each year.

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 itself. In response to the needs of its constituents, Dancers' Group has evolved to fulfill a dual function as a service organization and as a presenter of performance opportunities that maximize the visibility of dance in the Bay Area.

Save the Dates for the rest of the 2016 Rotunda Dance Series

Friday, November 4: Mussel Rock Cloggers

Friday, December 9: Bolivia Corazón de América

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: AXIS Dance Company

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, October 7, 2016, Noon

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