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Rotunda Dance Series: Los Lupeños de San José

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

Free

November 2, 2012 12 Noon San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—October 1, 2012—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. This month's featured group, **Los Lupeños de San José**, presents dances from the Veracruz, Michoacan and Jalisco regions of Mexico. Eight dancers, with co-director Susan Cashion as the narrator, will take the audience on a lively journey from the Gulf coast of Mexico, through the lake area of Patscuaro, and onto the high plateau that surrounds Guadalajara.

Join us for this informative and compelling lunchtime dance performance amidst the grandeur of San Francisco City Hall—Friday, November 2, 2012 at noon.

The high profile Rotunda Dance Series brings many of the Bay Area's most acclaimed 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.

About Los Lupeños de San José (mhcviva.org) Los Lupeños de San José was cofounded in 1969 by Dr. Susan Cashion and Ramón Morones. The company began as a study-performance group of Mexican dance and culture. Los Lupeños has represented the City of San José at the Spokane World's Fair, Carnival in Veracruz, Riverside Dance Festival in New York, El Mariachi Festival in Guadalajara, Hawai'i Ethnic Dance Festival in Honolulu, and on tour to England and Ireland in dance festivals and sister-city celebrations. Los Lupeños twice toured with Linda Ronstadt, appeared in the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival on many occasions, and was granted a coveted Bay Area "Izzy" award for Sustained Achievement in 1994. Los Lupeños Company is housed at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose, where it also runs a school of Mexican dance. The organization is under the umbrella of the Cashion Cultural Legacy and the Mexican Heritage Corporation.

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.

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.

The 2012 Rotunda Dance Series will conclude on Friday, December 7 with Chris Black, an award-winning choreographer and restless explorer.

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Los Lupeños de San José

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, Nov 2, 2012, Noon

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