

For Immediate Release  
Contact: Natalia Velarde  
[\(415\) 920-9181](tel:(415)920-9181)  
[natalia@dancersgroup.org](mailto:natalia@dancersgroup.org)

**Rotunda Dance Series:**  
**Carnaval San Francisco presents Fogo Na Roupa Performing Company**  
Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,  
in partnership with Grants for the Arts and  
San Francisco City Hall

**Free**

**Friday, Feb 9, 2018**

12 Noon

San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—January 16, 2018—Opening their eighth 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 February, Carnaval San Francisco will feature Brazilian dance and percussion with a performance by Fogo Na Roupa Performing Company that will include a special appearance by Tiombe Valone, Queen of the 2017 Carnaval.

Now in its fourth decade of celebration and under the guiding principle that music, dance, and art have the power to heal and unite people, Carnaval San Francisco continues to cultivate and celebrate the vibrantly diverse Latin American and Caribbean roots of the Mission District and the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Fogo Na Roupa, an award-winning, Brazilian Carnaval dance and percussion company will bring their unstoppable energy, vibrant rhythms and infectious dance moves to the Rotunda to give audiences a taste of what is in store during the 40th Annual Carnaval San Francisco on May 26-27, 2018.

The Rotunda Dance Series brings many of the Bay Area's most celebrated dance companies to San Francisco City Hall for free monthly noon-time performances and is presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West in partnership with Grants for the Arts and SF City Hall.

The 2018 Rotunda Dance Series will continue on Friday, March 2.

**About Fogo Na Roupa Performing Company**

Founded in 1989 by the late Mestre Carlos Aceituno, Fogo na Roupa is a Bay Area, award-winning *Grupo Carnavalesco* and performing company. Under the artistic direction of Jose Rivera and Metzi Henriquez, Fogo Na Roupa has won multiple San Francisco Carnaval

Grand Championships, Best of the Bay 2011, and a 2012 "Corazon Del Barrio Award" from Mission Cultural Center.

**About World Arts West** ([worldartswest.org](http://worldartswest.org))

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018, World Arts West has long 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](http://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.

**Calendar Editors please note:**

Who: Carnaval San Francisco presents Fogo Na Roupa

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, February 9, Noon

Info: Natalia Velarde, ([415](tel:4159209181)) 920-9181, [natalia@dancersgroup.org](mailto:natalia@dancersgroup.org), [dancersgroup.org/rotunda](http://dancersgroup.org/rotunda)

Images available for download:

###