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

Free

Friday, June 8, 2018
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—May 9, 2018—In its eighth season of free monthly dance performances in San Francisco City Hall's extraordinary rotunda, Dancers' Group and World Arts West are once again partnering to bring audiences lunchtime glimpses into movement and musical traditions from around the world.

On June 8, 2018, the Rotunda Dance Series continues with a performance by the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company. The company will reprise two Isadora Duncan Dance Award-winning works: *Postcards & Beyond*, created especially for City Hall's rotunda, transforming the traditional style of Chinese dance into contemporary movement; and *Silk Cascade*, a piece inspired by the action painting of Jackson Pollock and the strokes of Chinese calligraphy with the cascading colors of silk ribbons.

World Arts West will also be presenting the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival's Malonga Casquelourd Lifetime Achievement Awards for Excellence in World Dance and Music to company founder and Artistic Director Lily Cai, and to the Festival's longtime Lighting Designer Patty Ann Farrell.

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 with Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall.

About Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company (lilycaidance.org)

Elegant, sensual, and captivating, the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms with modern dance in an artistic and inventive marriage of styles. The Company bridges the continuum from past to contemporary, from spectacular court dances of Chinese dynasties to contemporary works fusing classical Chinese movement, modern dance, and ballet,

complemented by dazzling costumes, and innovative staging. Established in 1988 by Lily Cai, the company has received accolades from theater and festival audiences throughout the country, from Hawaii and the West Coast to New York, the Virgin Islands, and the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. In 1996, the Company received two Isadora Duncan Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Choreography and in Performance.

About World Arts West (worldartswest.org)

For four 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 future Rotunda Dance Series performances

Friday, July 6: Opening of the 40th San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival, with Mussel Rock Cloggers, AERODANCE, and Poet Laureate Kim Shuck

Friday, September 7: Jubilee American Dance Theatre

Friday, October 5: Artists TBA

Friday, November 2: TURFinc.

Friday, December 9: Cunamacué & Proyecto Landó

Calendar Editors please note:

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Cost: Free

Where: City Hall, San Francisco

When: Friday, June 8, 2018, Noon

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Images of Lily Cai Dance Company available for download:

1. http://dancersgroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/SilkCascade_lily-cai.jpg

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2.<http://dancersgroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Lily-Cai-Chinese-Dance-Company-photo-by-Will-Lee.jpg>

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