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Rotunda Dance Series: Dancing Earth Indigenous Contemporary Dance Creations  
Presented by Dancers' Group and World Arts West,  
in partnership with Grants for the Arts and San Francisco City Hall

Free  
Friday, October 5, 2018  
12 Noon  
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—In their 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.

This October, Dancing Earth Indigenous Contemporary Dance Creations presents an excerpt of *GROUNDWORKS*, which honors and centers the perspectives of California Native collaborators of Pomo, Ohlone, and Wappo Nations. This reimagining of relationship to the earth helps to identify threats to the planet, as well as hope for change and healing. Dancing Earth's work embodies Native aesthetic values around the indivisibility of the ceremonial and the artistic and disrupts settler-colonialist notions of discrete artistic genres.

The Rotunda Dance Series will continue monthly through 2018, highlighting cultural traditions from across the world, including urban turf dancing and Afro-Peruvian. 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 Dancing Earth ([dancingearth.org](http://dancingearth.org))

Dancing Earth spins, stomps and spirals into life on the world's dancing grounds as a collective of intertribal Indigenous dance artists. Under the leadership of internationally respected choreographer Rulan Tanguen, and rooted in traditions and spirit of the first peoples and the land, Dancing Earth's creations respect, embrace, and expand the context of Indigenous culture into vital contemporary relevance.

About World Arts West ([worldartswest.org](http://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](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: Rotunda Dance Series: Dancing Earth Indigenous Contemporary Dance Creations

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 5, 2018, Noon

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