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Rotunda Dance Series: Simorgh Dance Collective in collaboration with Sangam Arts

Free
Friday, April 5, 2019
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—In their ninth 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 April's performance is an opportunity to celebrate the work of the 2019 Dancer's Choice Award winner, Sangam Arts, an organization that provides an innovative platform for artists from diverse backgrounds to come together to collaborate and co-create world-class music and dance performances.

Sangam Arts has invited Simorgh Dance Collective to perform traditional and folkloric dances of the Silk Road at this free City Hall event. The mission of the Simorgh Dance Collective is to create a supportive and creative community to present the rich, ancient culture and heritage of Iran.

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

The 2019 Rotunda Dance Series will continue on Friday, May 24 with a performance by Carnaval SF and La Cumbiamba.

About Simorgh Dance Collective (farimadance.com/projects/company)

The Simorgh Dance Collective is devoted to educate and present traditional, classical, and sacred dance styles of the Silk Road. Since 2007, it is the first Iranian dance collective to be led by an Iranian woman, Farima Berenji. It currently has member companies and artist affiliations in Alaska, Canada, Turkey, UK, Iran, and the US.

About Sangam Arts (sangamarts.org)

Founded in 2013, Sangam Arts provides an innovative platform for artists from diverse backgrounds to come together to collaborate and co-create world-class music and dance performances. Using a wide range of cultural and artistic expressions from Folklorico and Tap to Kathak and Hula, Sangam's presentations are curated to help recognize common humanities while celebrating vibrant diversity. Led by Usha Srinivasan and Priya Das, Mosaic Silicon Valley is Sangam's flagship initiative focused on strengthening diverse communities through multicultural collaborative arts.

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.

Calendar Editors please note:

Who: Rotunda Dance Series: Simorgh Dance Collective in collaboration with Sangam Arts

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, April 5, 2019, Noon

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