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

Free
Friday, December 7, 2018
12 Noon
San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—In the final performance of the 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.

Cunamacué, in collaboration with Pierr Padilla, will present work inspired by *Son de los Diablos*, an Afro-Peruvian street masquerade dance that dates back to times of colonization as part of the Spanish attempt to Christianize Africans. This dance is one of the first manifestations of cultural resistance of African descendants in Peru.

The Rotunda Dance Series will continue in 2019 with artists to be announced. 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 Cunamacué (cunamacue.org)

Cunamacué is an Oakland-based dance performance company, founded by artistic director Carmen Román. The company uses Afro-Peruvian movement vocabulary as well as movements inspired by modern dance and dances of the African Diaspora to promote the continuity of Afro-Peruvian culture, representing it not as a point in time, but as a living, vibrant and evolving form whose music and dance can be used as a means of contemporary expression. The word *Macué* is representative of the ancestors; it is a stream in Mozambique, one of the places from which Africans were uprooted and taken to Perú. *Cuna* is the Spanish word for crib, representing future generations.

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: Cunamacué

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, December 7, 2018, Noon

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