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

Free
Friday, June 7, 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 June, the choreographic duo Melecio Estrella and Andrew Ward – dubbed Fog Beast – will present an excerpt of *The Big Reveal*, a conference-turned-dance-theater-experience that will premiere in free performances in July at the Asian Art Museum. *The Big Reveal* will draw on family histories and immigration stories to consider questions of access and belonging, revealing unspoken collective agreements that we all share. The performance will feature dancing and original music by composer Ben Juodvarkis.

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 2019 Rotunda Dance Series will continue on Friday, September 6th at Noon with Cuicacalli Dance Company.

About Fog Beast (fogbeast.com)

Fog Beast is a Bay Area live art organization. Led by Melecio Estrella and Andrew Ward, Fog Beast uses live music and dance theater tactics to illuminate the modern trappings of the human animal. Since 2010, they have been making performance works and educational events in a variety of settings, amplifying playful physicality, humor, song and story. Their work has been commissioned by Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Dancers' Group and various Universities.

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: Fog Beast

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, June 7, 2019, Noon

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Pictured (l-r): Andrew Ward and Melecio Estrella, photo by Jessica Swanson

Melecio Estrella, photo by Jessica Swanson

Pictured (l-r): Melissa Lewis, Patricia West, and Janine Trinidad, photo by Jessica Swanson

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