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

Free
Friday, October 11, 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.

SF Awakko-Ren's focus is Awa-Odori, a traditional dance from Tokushima Prefecture on the island of Shikoku, Japan. Awa-Odori is one of the biggest dance festivals in Japan – celebrated in the streets of Tokushima City every August for over 400 years. The dance is driven by the beat of the Kane bell and Taiko Drum. A shinobue flute and shamisen lute will provide lyrical composition for the audience to enjoy.

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.

About Awakko Ren (sf-awakko.com)

Founded in 2011 by Tokushima Kenjin-Kai, the members of SF Awakko Ren came together as a group for people who love to dance Awa-Odori.

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: San Francisco Awakko Ren

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 11, 2019, Noon

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