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

Free  
Friday, November 8, 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.

Nava Dance Theatre, directed by Nadhi Thekkek, is a Bharatanatyam dance company that uses the classical South Indian form to explore and understand place, identity, and politics.

With her PhD in Bioengineering from Rice University, Nadhi Thekkek finds many parallels between the research and discovery process both in science and in performing arts. Most recently, Nadhi and the company worked in partnership with Oakland-based visual artist Rupy C. Tut to create "*Broken Seeds Still Grow*," a bharatanatyam dance and visual art production inspired by the real-life stories from the 1947 Partition Archive and recent South Asian American history.

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 Nava Dance Theatre ([navadance.org](http://navadance.org))

Nava Dance Theatre, directed by Nadhi Thekkek, is a bharatanatyam dance company based in San Francisco, CA, which uses the classical South Indian dance form to explore and understand place, identity, and politics. Nadhi returns to Chennai, India annually to continue with her training under Guru Sri. A. Lakshmanaswamy and to perform in multiple venues during the Chennai Music and Dance Festival.

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: Nava Dance Theatre

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, November 8, 2019, Noon

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