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**DANCEWAVE ANNOUNCES**

**FREE PERFORMANCE BY KIDS COMPANY ON SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> AS PART OF BATTERY DANCE DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL**

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Dancewave's *Kids Company* will perform on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm as part of the Annual Downtown Dance Festival presented by the *Battery Dance Company*. Performances will be held at The Lawn at Battery Park. Dancewave's *Kids Company*, a pre-professional group of young people 14-18yrs of age, will be performing ***From Before*** (May 1979), choreographed by renowned artist **Garth Fagan** to the music of Ralph MacDonald. *Kids Company* will perform alongside the choreographic work of *Figures in Flight Dance Company*, *Battleworks*, *Axis Danz*, *xodus dance collective*, *Spinnin Ronin: Martial Arts Dance Theater*, *Kotchegna*, *isadoraNOW*, *Undertoe Dance Project*, and *Battery Dance Company*. The Downtown Dance Festival takes place from August 16<sup>th</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup> throughout Lower Manhattan and Governors Island.

Created in 2000 under the artistic direction of Diane Jacobowitz, *Kids Company* is a dance troupe of teenagers, selected by audition from all over New York City. This exceptional company provides a professional environment for young people that both challenges and encourages them to excel. The company works with internationally renowned choreographers on groundbreaking work that expands the horizons of both the kids, and the modern dance world, giving young dancers an opportunity to understand and experience a diverse array of styles and artistic viewpoints.

***'This teenage company performs the best modern rep in town...'***

**Gia Kourlas- *TimeOut New York*, June 2008.**

**Auditions for Kids Company is open to all talented city teens, and will take place on Saturday, September 13th at 4:30pm and Wednesday, September 17th at 4:30pm, at PS 77 in Park Slope, Brooklyn.**

Dancewave programs include *Kids Company*, *Kids Company II*, *Young Movers Ensemble*, *Kids Cafe Festival*, *The School at Dancewave*, the *Summer Dance Intensive* for kids and teens, and *D-Wave in Motion* (arts-in-education program in the public schools). The Fall Semester begins September 15<sup>th</sup> at the New Dancewave Center located at 45 Fourth Ave in Downtown Brooklyn and other studio locations. Dancewave will be offering a **\$5 week, September 8-12th** for the public to try out any new class for only 5 dollars.

With a generous grant from NY Community Trust, Dancewave will be offering scholarships for talented students with financial need. Scholarship auditions will take place on Saturday, September, 6th at 12pm at PS 77 and Wednesday, September, 11th at 5pm at The Dancewave Center. For more information about *Kids Company* Auditions, Scholarship Auditions, and Dancewave's Fall Semester classes, please call 718-522-4696 or visit our website at [www.dancewave.org](http://www.dancewave.org).

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