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DANCEWAVE PRESENTS

HOLIDAY FIESTA: SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH 2:30-5:30PM AT PS 77

A COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT DANCEWAVE'S STEP UP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

"This teenage company performs the best modern rep in town."-Gia Kourlas, TimeOut New York 2008

November 19, 2010, Brooklyn, NY: Dancewave is proud to present the 2nd annual **Holiday Fiesta**, a performance fundraiser to benefit Dancewave's **Step Up Initiative** scholarship program on **Saturday, December 4th from 2:30-5:30 at PS 77 at 62 Park Place in Brooklyn**. Join Dancewave in a festive, inspiring, fun-filled afternoon for all ages! The fiesta will offer live dance, music, art as well as delicious home cooked food and baked goods. Special performances will be offered by Dancewave's unique performing ensembles: **The Dancewave Company, Dancewave Company II, Young Movers Ensemble, and Street Jazz Ensemble**. The afternoon will also feature music that will have everyone dancing, including live sets by **Michael Minnisale** (classic American finger-style guitar) and **Junior Rivera & Friends** (latin fusion).

Enjoy a wide range of holiday activities, from face-painting booths to caricature artists to short improvisational movement games for little ones, taught by Dancewave faculty member Christina Reaves and holiday photos of your young dancer by dance photographer Tom Rawe. Dance performances will include special previews of *Conversations* choreographed by **Nathan Trice (Nathan Trice Rituals)** (Dancewave Company) to a musical score by Keith Jarrett; a new work by **Matthew Westerby** (Dancewave Company II), as well as new works by **Dedrick Anthony** (Young Movers Ensemble and Street Jazz Ensemble). All four pieces will have their formal premiere at Dancewave's **Kids Cafe Goes to College Festival** at the Kumble Theater, 1 University Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on **Saturday, February 5, 2011 & Sunday, February 6, 2011** with 3pm performances.

All proceeds benefit Dancewave's **Step Up Initiative**, a scholarship program providing financial aid, college guidance, and workstudy experience to talented and deserving young dancers from low-income backgrounds. Please visit www.dancewave.org for more information.

HOLIDAY FIESTA

Saturday, December 4, 2010, 2:30pm-5:30pm

PS 77, 62 Park Place b/w 5th & 6th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Admission: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, FREE for 5 & under

Tickets on sale at Dancewave, 45 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217

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ABOUT DANCEWAVE - Established in 1995, Dancewave's mission is to ensure that New York City children and teens have access to the best dance training available. We accomplish this goal by bringing dance into the public schools, offering affordable dance classes, and giving kids and teens the opportunity to train with and perform the work of world-famous choreographers through our pre-professional performing companies. Dancewave serves Brooklyn youth through its many programs: Kids Cafe Festival Goes to College, The Dancewave Companies, Summer Dance Intensive, D-Wave in Motion, The School at Dancewave, and the Step Up Initiative. **For more information, visit www.dancewave.org.**

ABOUT THE DANCEWAVE COMPANIES - **The Dancewave Company** is a pre-professional troupe of young people (14-18 years) selected by audition from all over NYC. This unique company provides a professional and educational environment for young dancers that both challenges and encourages them to excel. The company works with internationally renowned American choreographers learning a repertory of famous dances directly from the artist companies and/or the artist him/herself. DC repertory includes works by **Twyla Tharp, Mark Morris, David Dorfman, Doug Varone, Bill T. Jones, Donald Byrd, Trisha Brown, Meredith Monk, Sara Pearson + Patrik Widrig, Carla Maxwell (Jose Limón), Donald McKayle and Susan Marshall**. **Dancewave Company II** follows in the footsteps of Dancewave Company and provides a strong company environment for younger dancers (12-18 years). DC II past repertory includes work by **Christal Brown (INSPIRIT Dance Company), Dušan Týnek Dance Theatre, Astrid Von Ussar, Andrea Woods, Sydney Skybetter and Jamal Jackson**. Dancewave's newest addition to its ensemble performance program is its **Young Movers Ensemble** (10-13 years). Created in 2007, YME offers a more progressive educational opportunity for younger dancers to start professional training and has performed the work of **Ashleigh Leite, Faye Driscoll, Elisa Osborne and Bergen Wheeler**.

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