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**DANCEWAVE ANNOUNCES 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KIDS CAFE FESTIVAL  
MARCH 7-8, 2009  
INVITATION TO SUBMIT WORKS CREATED BY AND FOR KIDS & TEENS**

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Dancewave announces one of Brooklyn's premier family events, ***Kids Cafe Festival 2009: A Celebration of Arab and Israeli cultures through Music and Dance***. Performances will be held at Long Island University's Kumble Theater, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Under the artistic direction of Diane Jacobowitz, the Kids Cafe Festival produces the work of young performers from across New York City, the country, and abroad. **Dancewave is seeking fun, upbeat, quirky, innovative, and entertaining works performed by kids and teens.** We accept dance, theater, performance art and music created by children, teens, or adult artists.

**To apply**, individuals, schools, or performing groups must submit an application form (available online at [www.dancewave.org](http://www.dancewave.org)) and work sample (DVD for theater/dance, CDs of musical selection) by **Friday, December 5, 2008**. All performance submissions must be under five (5) minutes. Dancewave covers all production and publicity costs for the festival. All selected performing groups pay a \$50 participation fee. Young performers of any genre are free to apply. Groups with a background in Middle Eastern music, dance or theater are encouraged to participate.

Dancewave's Kids Cafe Festival 2009 marks its 15<sup>th</sup> season of bringing quality family arts programming to the Brooklyn community. Each year, Kids Cafe Festival is hosted by professional artists who represent a wide range of cultural and ethnic traditions, as well as modern experimental styles of dance, music, and performance. This year's host and MC will be Yuri Lane, who currently tours "From Tel Aviv to Ramallah," a hip-hop beatbox play that "addresses the Israeli-Palestinian conflict while emphasizing the humanity and joy of both groups" ([www.yurilane.com](http://www.yurilane.com)). Local Arab and Israeli dance artists and music ensembles will grace the Festival stage and teach dance and music workshops to the children, teens and adults.

Past Festival productions have been hosted by artists such as Taikoza (Japanese Drumming group & the New York Chinese Cultural Center (traditional Lion & Ribbon dances), Sita Frederick (Salsa), Puella Lunaris (Flamenco), Rennie Harris Pure Movement Ensemble (Hip-Hop), Ogans (Afro-Brazilian dance and music ensemble), Circus Amok (gender bending circus), Keely Garfield (performance art), the Sandra Cameron Swing Dancers (Swing Dance ensemble) and Peter Pucci Sport (exploring the intersection of sports and dance).

Dancewave is committed to supporting young talent by producing their work at the Kids Cafe Festival and other programs. Festival participants gain a “behind the scenes” look at the theater, from lights, costumes and props, to working with designers and stage technicians. In addition, young performers receive FREE workshops taught by the host professional artists, held from 12:30 – 2:30 pm on the day of the performances. Workshops are open to the public for a minimal charge.

Dancewave, a non-profit arts organization founded by Artistic and Executive Director Diane Jacobowitz, serves Brooklyn youth through its many programs: Kids Cafe Festival, Kids Company, Kids Company II, Young Movers Ensemble, Summer Dance Intensive, D-Wave in Motion, and The School at Dancewave. The NEW Dancewave Center, recently opened in March 2008, is located at 45 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (at Dean Street), Brooklyn. ***For more information on the Kids Cafe Festival, please call Dancewave at 718 522 4696 or visit our website at [www.dancewave.org](http://www.dancewave.org).***

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