

DANCEWAVE

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DANCEWAVE ANNOUNCES KIDS CAFE FESTIVAL GOES TO COLLEGE 2011
FREE MASTER CLASSES SATURDAY JANUARY 29
KCF PERFORMANCES – FEBRUARY 5-6, LIU BROOKLYN

Festival presents major college dance departments alongside premiere city teen dance programs

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Brooklyn, NY – Dancewave is proud to announce the return of a very unique dance festival, *Kids Cafe Festival Goes to College*, to take place **January 29, 2011-February 6, 2011**. *Kids Cafe Festival Goes to College* includes **master dance workshops on Saturday, January 29th**, and **professionally-produced matinee performances from university dance departments, high school programs and Dancewave's companies on February 5th and 6th** at the **Kumble Theater** of Performing Arts at Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus.

The Festival is designed to provide a much needed service to the dance community by **introducing interested high school students to college dance options** and bringing new dancers into the field. Focusing on professionally-based college dance programs in the metropolitan area and beyond, this festival will offer the serious high school dancer an opportunity to see the dance departments from these esteemed schools in action. The college theme is a twist on Dancewave's annual Kids Cafe Festival, a popular community event now in its 17th year that invites high school dancers from all over New York City to perform dances created by both student and professional choreographers.

Kids Cafe Festival Goes to College will feature performances and remarks from Festival Host, **David Parker and the Bang Group**, with opening remarks from legendary dance icon and NYU Tisch School Professor, **Gus Solomons**. The **festival performances** will showcase student choreography from participating dance departments, NYC's premiere high school dance groups and Dancewave's three unique pre-professional dance companies: **Dancewave Company, Dancewave Company II** and the **Young Movers Ensemble**. The festival reaches a targeted audience of 150-250 high school students with a strong interest in dance and dance programs, as well as approximately 600 dance fans from all over the metropolitan area.

The Dancewave Company will premiere **Nathan Trice's** *Conversations*. Dancewave Company II will premiere **Matthew Westerby's** *A Watershed Moment*. Young Movers Ensemble will premiere **Dedrick Anthony's**, *holding 'til daybreak*.

Participating college dance departments include: The Juilliard School; Department of Dance at Ohio State University; Eugene Lang College; The New School for Liberal Arts; Hofstra University; Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus; Marymount Manhattan College Dance Department; Montclair State University; **Purchase College, Conservatory of Dance;** Sarah Lawrence College Dance Program; The College at Brockport; The University Of Massachusetts, Amherst; and University of the Arts.

Participating high school programs include: 92 St Y-Harkness Repertory Ensemble, BaxCo, Creative Outlet's Dance Theatre of Brooklyn, East Village Dance Project, Gestures Dance Ensemble, Manhattan Youth Ballet, The Dalton School, Peridance Youth Ensemble, **The Joffrey Ballet School,** Rebecca Kelly Teens, **Student Company of The School at the Mark Morris Dance Center.**

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE: JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011

Saturday, January 29, 2011

Master Class Day with Dance Department Professors:

Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus,
Flatbush Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Willoughby Street
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12pm-5pm (Five 50-min classes)
FREE (open only to Junior and Senior HS students)

Saturday & Sunday, February 5 & 6, 2011, 3 pm **Kids Cafe Festival Goes to College Performances**

Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus
Kumble Theater of Performing Arts
Flatbush Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Willoughby Street, Brooklyn
\$20 adults, \$15 with valid student ID, \$12 kids under 12 yrs, group rates available
To purchase tickets: (718) 488-1624, www.kumbletheater.org

FESTIVAL EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Kids Cafe Festival Goes to College is designed to provide a much needed service to the dance community by introducing interested high school students to college dance options and bringing new dancers into the dance field.

Free master classes on **Saturday, January 29, 2011** will be taught by **dance department professors** and provide an inside look into participating department's faculty. Classes will be offered in ballet, improvisation/composition, Limon technique and other styles. Instructors will include: Anthony Ferro (Marymount Manhattan College); Nelly Van Bommel (Conservatory of Dance at Purchase College); Paul Dennis (University of Massachusetts, Amherst); Niles Ford (Hofstra University) and a representative from Long Island University, Brooklyn.

The **festival performances** will feature student choreography from participating dance departments, NYC high school dance groups and Dancewave's three pre-professional dance companies: **Dancewave Company**, **Dancewave Company II** and the **Young Movers Ensemble**. The Dancewave Company will premiere **Nathan Trice's** *Conversations*. **Matthew Westerby**, will premiere *A Watershed Moment* on the Dancewave Company II. Dancewave's Young Movers Ensemble is working with emerging NYC-based choreographer, **Dedrick Anthony**, in his original dance piece, *holding til daybreak*.

On October 3, 2010, Dancewave kicked off the festival with the event, **Dancing Through College and Beyond**. Dancewave collaborated with **Career Transition For Dancers**, **Dance/NYC** and **Pentacle** to host this full-day event of panel discussions and movement classes. This event was graciously hosted by and held at **The Juilliard School**. The panels covered topics such as: college and department requirements, financial aid, auditions, department strengths, degrees, focus, faculty, and other areas of interest. In addition, the panels discussed how their departments interact with the greater dance community; their track record of alumni achievements; and how their department helps graduates transition to the dance job market.

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, The Dancewave Company, The Dancewave Company II, Young Movers Ensemble, Summer Dance Intensive, D-Wave in Motion, and The School at Dancewave. **For more information Dancewave's programs, please call 718.522.4696 or visit www.dancewave.org.**

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