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**DANCEWAVE PRESENTS**  
**HOLIDAY FIESTA:**  
**PERFORMANCE FUNDRAISER TO SEND THE DANCEWAVE COMPANY TO SCOTLAND**

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

November 17, 2009, Brooklyn, NY:

**The Dancewave Company (DC)** has been selected to perform in Scotland's premiere youth festival, **Aberdeen International Youth Festival**. The Aberdeen International Youth Festival organizes the world's premiere participatory youth arts festival, with up to 1000 participants and over 70 events during the two week period. The Festival is also a catalyst for the creation of new work and creative activity, with an education program and artistic collaborations with organizations throughout Scotland. DC is scheduled to be in Scotland from July 27-August 8, 2010 with numerous performances throughout Aberdeen, Scotland.

In an effort to send their talented and diverse company overseas as a representative of Brooklyn and the US, Dancewave is hosting a **Holiday Fiesta: Performance Fundraiser** with performances by Dancewave Company, Dancewave Company II & Young Movers Ensemble. **The Dang-It Bobbys**, 2008 Bessie winner, will entertain the afternoon with a variety of Country, Bluegrass and Jazz music. This festive and casual affair will include booths of holiday crafts, unique gifts, cider and home-made baked goods.

**Holiday Fiesta**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2009**

**2:30pm-5:15pm**

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

**Admission: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door**

**Tickets are on sale at Dancewave via phone 718.522.4696**

**Please contact Jeso O'Neill for more info, 718.522.4696 or [jeso@dancewave.org](mailto:jeso@dancewave.org)**

**Dancewave Companies will be performing the following:**

Dancewave Company

*Flashback/Flash Forward*

Choreographed by **Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, Urban Bush Women**

Dancewave Company II

Original piece created with company members

Choreographed by **Astrid von Ussar, Von Ussar Danceworks**

Young Movers Ensemble

*Electric Warrior*

Choreographed by **Meghan McCoy**

These three 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 6, 2010 & Sunday, February 7, 2010** with 3pm performances. Please visit [www.dancewave.org](http://www.dancewave.org) for more information.

**Dancewave Company** (formerly Kids Company) is a pre-professional troupe of young people (14-18 years) selected by audition from all over New York City. 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. Dancewave Company 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** (formerly Kids Company II) follows in the footsteps of Dancewave Company and provides a strong company environment for younger dancers (12-18 years). Created in 2005, Dancewave Company II has allowed Dancewave to offer more performance opportunities to talented and dedicated youth. Members are encouraged to develop their technique and performance skills which prepare them for the higher professional demands of Dancewave Company. Dancewave Company 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). Newly created in 2007, Young Movers offers a more progressive educational opportunity for younger dancers to start professional training, and exposes them to the works of emerging dance artists. The ensemble has also performed the work of **Ashleigh Leite, Faye Driscoll, Elisa Osborne and Bergen Wheeler**.

**Dancewave's** five programs include **Dancewave Company, Dancewave Company II, and Young Movers Ensemble, D-Wave in Motion** outreach into NYC public schools, **The School at Dancewave, Summer Dance Intensive**, and our annual **Kids Cafe Festival**. For more information on Dancewave programs, please call Dancewave at 718.522.4696 or visit our website at [www.dancewave.org](http://www.dancewave.org).

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