



RIDING THE WAVE TO SCOTLAND

A traditional Scottish folk song goes:

“The Northern Lights of Aberdeen, that’s where I long to be.” For more than 1,000 young people every year, the Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland is where they want to be. One of the world’s premier cultural events, singers, dancers and musicians from more than 70 countries perform at venerable sites, including His Majesty’s Theatre.



*Dancewave Company has earned a spot at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival
Photo by Alex Escalante*

Representing Brooklyn—and America—in July 2010 is Dancewave Company, a dance ensemble of kids aged 12 through 18 selected by audition from all over New York City and a program of Dancewave, a Brooklyn-based nonprofit providing dance education to young people.

Executive and Artistic Director Diane Jacobowitz is thrilled that The Dancewave Company has earned a coveted spot in the festival. Jacobowitz said, “Dancewave’s mission is to introduce a diverse group of young New Yorkers to dance. When young people from different socio-economic groups come together to perform, they end up learning as much about life and each other as they do about dance.”

Although dancers can leap through the air, they still need planes to get to Scotland. And with 44 percent of Dancewave members on full or partial scholarships, raising airfare isn’t easy. The troupe’s fundraising efforts included a recent holiday fiesta and a Dancewave Babysitting Collective, but Brooklynites, you can help!

Make a tax-deductible donation and help Dancewave get to the Aberdeen International Youth Festival, where they’ll bring our one-and-only Brooklyn attitude to Scotland!

To make a donation to support Dancewave’s trip to Aberdeen, contact them at (718) 522-4696 or info@dancewave.org; or send a check made out to Dancewave, Inc. to The Aberdeen Fund c/o Dancewave, 45 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Get more information at www.dancewave.org.