

## AT A GLANCE

**BROOKLYN HEIGHTS**

The Brooklyn Film and Arts Festival in a joint venture with the Brooklyn Historical Society will present a Brooklyn-focused documentary series from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at 128 Pierrepont St. The documentaries featured in "Brooklyn Back in the Day" illustrate the past, present, social and cultural changes in the borough and the challenges faced by its residents. The screening will introduced by special guest speaker Prof. Joe Dorinson of Long Island University. Admission is by a donation of \$5. Call (718) 222-4111.

**BEDFORD-STUYVESANT**

House of Art Gallery will hold an opening reception tomorrow for a joint exhibition of new works by world-renowned painter and illustrator, Frank Morrison and celebrated photojournalist Jamel Shabazz at 373 Lewis Ave. For the exhibit, "Reflections: A Visual Expression of Who We Are," Morrison created works based on several photographs taken by Shabazz. The reception is from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event offers holiday refreshments, affordable gift selections and a door raffle. Go to [www.nychouseofart.com](http://www.nychouseofart.com).

**DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN**

Artist and activist Howarde-na Pindell will discuss her new anthology "Kara Walker-No, Kara Walker-Yes, Kara Walker-?" from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow at MoCADA, 80 Hanson Pl. The work is a collection of essays written by other artists, educators, writers and poets about controversial artist Kara Walker. Tomorrow's discussion group will include authors and artists Theodore A. Harris, Ben Jones and Rashida Ishmail. [www.mocada.org](http://www.mocada.org) or call (718) 230-0492.

**PROSPECT PARK** Get a winter warm-up at Prospect Park and learn about the winter fitness options tomorrow at Wollman Rink from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy ice skating at half-price from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors can get information on a host of local indoor and outdoor winter sports sites. Enter at the park at Parkside and Ocean Aves. or Lincoln Road and Ocean Ave. Website: [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks).

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The Dancewave Company is looking to raise the cash to perform at the prestigious Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland this July.

# STEPS TO STARDOM

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WITH a little cash, their dance dreams could be reality.

An amateur Park Slope dance company is set to perform at a prestigious arts festival in Scotland — the only American troupe picked for the festival.

But there's a wrinkle for the Dancewave Company: The teenage dancers will only be able to go if they can raise enough money to pay for the trip.

"It's a dream come true to go to Europe," said Dancewave dancer Nola Smith, 17. The company won a chance to perform in the Aberdeen International Youth Festival next July. "We just need to come up with funding."

## Park Slope dancers seek funds for fest

Dancewave is made up of 15 teenage girls and one male dancer. About half of the company's dancers come from low-income families and receive scholarships for classes at the Fourth Ave. studio. If they make it to Scotland it will be the first time most have left the country.

The dancers are doing a variety of things to raise money, starting with a benefit performance tomorrow in Park Slope.

"We hope people will come from all over the borough to see the performance," said company director Diane Jacobowitz. "We

have some very talented kids from all over Brooklyn and we need to raise money for our trip."

Jacobowitz and the Dancewave dancers applied in August and learned last month that they were chosen to perform at Aberdeen from July 27-Aug. 7, 2010.

The company is slated to give nine modern dance performances at the festival, which attracts 30,000 people to more than 70 events throughout northeast Scotland.

The dancers have already selected routines to perform by the choreographers Paul Taylor and Jawole Willa Jo Zollar.

It will cost about \$29,000 for the dancers to take the trip and if they can't raise the full amount by April they won't be able to go.

To help raise money the company is holding a benefit performance tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at P.S. 77 in Park Slope. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

"We're working hard to represent Brooklyn in Europe," said dancer Kelly Rodriguez, 16, who lives in East New York. "We're down-to-earth in Brooklyn but we get the job done. Go Brooklyn!"

To buy advance tickets for Dancewave's Holiday Fiesta Fundraiser call (718) 522-4696 or visit [www.dancewave.org](http://www.dancewave.org).

## Find some winning ways, B'klyn fans warn Nets owner

BY ALEKSANDRA KLASSEN  
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THEY WANT a basketball team in Brooklyn — but not this one.

After the New Jersey Nets broke the record Wednesday night for starting an NBA season with the most consecutive losses — 18 — some borough sports fans had a message for owner Bruce Ratner as he tries to bring the team to Brooklyn: Start winning or don't bother.

"I don't want an 0-and-18 team coming to New York, especially to Brooklyn," said Assane Ethols, 21, a Canarsie security guard. "It's go hard or go home here."

John Longo, 43, a Clinton Hill bartender and a Knicks fan, said when he first heard his home borough could be getting its own NBA team, he was excited.

"When they first started talking about it, I

was into it, but not anymore, because it's owned by a guy who doesn't care about the game," he said. "I think they're pathetic."

The Nets set the dubious record with a 117-101 loss to the Dallas Mavericks. The planned Barclay's Center arena in Prospect Heights, projected to open in 2012, is the centerpiece of the 22-acre Atlantic Yards project, which would also include 16 commercial and residential towers.

Ratner got investment grade ratings this week for \$500 million in tax free bonds to help pay for the arena, clearing the way to sell the bonds by a year-end deadline.

Other would-be Brooklyn Nets fans were disappointed by the record-breaking loss but held out hope the fortunes of the team will turn around.

Kelly Burwell, 40, of Crown Heights, said the losing streak was "heartbreaking," but

added, "It's all going to change ... Everyone will want to play for the Brooklyn Nets."

That's what the Nets are banking on, too. "We're going to have an exciting and winning team in Brooklyn," said spokesman Barry Baum, adding the team would look to pick up key free agents over the summer and benefit from several first-round draft picks in the next few years.

"We'll probably get LeBron James, we'll probably get all the good players," said Greg (Jocko) Jackson, a former Knick and now director of the Brownsville Recreation Center.

"When (the team) gets to Brooklyn it's going to be 18 and 0."

Bobby Bell, 43, a Bedford-Stuyvesant musician, said if the Nets don't shape up by then, they can count on empty stands.

"They better get their act together, because Brooklyn don't roll like that," he said. "We got winners here, not losers."