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Grand Opening Celebration of New Dancewave Center in Gowanus, Brooklyn June 8, 2019

**New Facility Launches Next Era for Dance Education Nonprofit
Focused on Youth Development and Building Community**

BROOKLYN, NY, June 3, 2019 - On Saturday, June 8th, 2019, trailblazing Brooklyn nonprofit Dancewave marks the beginning of a new era in a state-of-the-art LEED facility three times the size of its former home. Founded in 1995 as a youth-centric organization and festival, Dancewave's reach has grown to more than 5,000 youth and adult dancers across all five boroughs. At this defining moment in the organization's expansion, Dancewave invites all corners of the community to celebrate and explore the new Center at 182 4th Ave on June 8th, the Grand Opening (GO!) from 12-4pm and the [inaugural in-studio performance showcase](#) from 5-6:30pm. (Reservations for showcase required, seating is limited.)

The GO! Block Celebration takes place on Degraw Street (between 3rd and 4th Aves) for the public from 12-4pm and will include FREE dance classes, performances, giveaways, and tours of the new facility, as well as music and MC by **Legendary Hip Hop DJ Chuck Chillout** from WBLS. Full schedule of events available at dancewave.org/grand-opening.

Dancewave brings a new take on dance education by prioritizing inclusivity and community before technical perfection. "Dance has the capacity to do a lot of good," said Dancewave Executive and Artistic Director Diane Jacobowitz. "In a non-competitive supportive frame, Dance can be an empowering, transformational tool in young peoples' lives by giving them access to an experience that fosters personal development and self-esteem."

Recently recognized by **the National Endowment for the Arts** in support of its innovative educator training (Strategies for Young Artist Citizens), Dancewave has been leading the way towards a holistic approach to dance education.

The New Dancewave Center, designed by award-winning architect Wendy Evans Joseph from **Studio Joseph**, was made possible through generous support from the **New York City Council**, the Mayor's Office through the **New York City Department of Cultural Affairs** (DCLA), the **Brooklyn Borough President's Office**, and the New York City Department of Design and Construction.

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams said, "*It has been a goal of my administration to advance dance in Brooklyn, and without a doubt the capital investment we were able to make into the creation of this new center is a major part of that effort.*"

Visit dancewave.org/grand-opening or email press@dancewave.org for more information about Dancewave's June 8th events and opportunities.

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Dancewave provides access to a community dance experience that encourages individuality and whole-person development throughout New York City and beyond. Dancewave offers dance classes and a community dance experience for all ages and abilities, brings dance residencies into public schools, and creates opportunities for young people to learn and perform the work of world-renowned choreographers through pre-professional companies and ensembles. Dancewave's inclusive training programs focus on the development of essential skills to help build leadership and citizenry. Grounded in the belief that dance education changes lives, Dancewave serves more than 5,000 New York City youth in all five boroughs. The expansion into the New Dancewave Center at 182 4th Avenue allows Dancewave's programs to continue to grow and further their impact.

For more information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities, visit dancewave.org/grand-opening or email press@dancewave.org.