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Dancewave Brings Wavedances to Brooklyn Neighborhoods

Dancers Travel from Grand Army Plaza to Old Stone House to Celebrate Grand Opening



BROOKLYN, NY, June 2, 2019 - Dancewave, a Brooklyn-based dance education organization championing accessibility to arts education for all, opens its doors at the **New Dancewave Center at 182 4th Avenue on June 8, 2019**. In preparation for the move, Dancewave student company members have been preparing site-specific performances, led by choreographer Jessica Harris. The culmination of their work, **Wavedances**, was brought to life today, beginning at Grand Army Plaza, traveling through Prospect Park, and concluding at Washington Park and Old Stone House.

The interactive performance was designed by Jessica Harris, an expert in site-specific performance and author of *The Rooster Scale: A Guide to the Experience Economy*. Ms. Harris held workshops at Dancewave throughout the month of May for dancers to learn about site-specific performance, its history and purpose, and bring ideas of their own to the project.

Wavedances brought a variety of experiences to passersby, as they could activate each dance with the ring of a bell stationed near the dancers. Whether they stopped to see what the dancers would do next, or kept walking, they all had the chance to learn about Dancewave and the upcoming Grand Opening of the New Dancewave Center.

“This is Dancewave’s first foray into site-specific performance, and I am incredibly energized by the concept. Brooklyn, and New York City, are always bustling, and our dancers learned to react to their surroundings while bringing their art to the community,” said **Dancewave Executive and Artistic Director, Diane Jacobowitz**. “This is just another example of the amazing work Dancewave does in the field of youth arts education. It’s more than dance, it’s leadership, strategic thinking, [and] community building.”

Wavedances is just the beginning of GO! The Grand Opening of the New Dancewave Center. Dancewave continues celebrating this historic event with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony opening the doors of the new Dancewave Center on Friday, June 7th, 2019 at 9:00am. On **Saturday, June 8th, 12-4pm**, Dancewave hosts a full day of free community dance classes and live

performances for the public. The Degraw Street block between 3rd and 4th Avenues will be closed for dancing and **DJ Chuck Chillout** of WBLS will be on hand spinning tunes. Full schedule and additional special events throughout the summer are posted on Dancewave's website: www.dancewave.org.

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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.