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Dancewave and Con Edison Co-Present ‘Moving Together’ free online dance classes for all New Yorkers

Providing the public with dynamic movement classes and relief during times of social distancing

BROOKLYN, NY, April 3, 2020 - After canceling its annual fundraiser gala, Brooklyn dance education nonprofit Dancewave will instead provide the community with four intergenerational donations-based online dance classes in a variety of dynamic movement styles. Co-presented with **Con Edison** and sponsored by **WABC, Apple Bank** and **Alloy Development**, the **Moving Together** Class series will take place on **Wednesdays in April from 4:00-5:00pm EST**: April 8th (Bollywood); April 15th (Dancehall); April 22nd (Latin); and April 29th (Afro-Caribbean). Registration and details available at dancewave.org/community-classes. Supporting community members of all ages and abilities with creative and physical engagement and led by Dancewave’s expert teaching artists, all interested students can register for classes online and gain access to a Live stream link.

“The Dancewave team has transformed our canceled gala into a positive new offering for all 5 boroughs and the greater metropolitan area. Our *Moving Together* online dance classes will provide access to an exciting live movement experience for all ages, and real community-wide connection,” said Dancewave Executive and Artistic Director Diane Jacobowitz. “This project would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors and co-presenter Con Edison, a supporter of Dancewave for many years.”

Both on- and offline, **Moving Together** is a hallmark community-wide event of Dancewave’s [School & Community Programs](#), which brings dance residencies to public schools and senior citizen centers, reaching thousands of students of all ages, cultural backgrounds and abilities across all five NYC boroughs. Dancewave’s popular city-funded program expanded by over 25% this year.

Dancewave’s 40+ contracted residencies in NYC Public Schools were immediately jeopardized by COVID-19-related school closures. Dancewave’s staff are currently working individually with each school to customize virtual learning opportunities and engage students with Dancewave teachers for the remainder of the semester. The Moving Together classes will open an additional opportunity for all New Yorkers to participate in an accessible dance experience.

“Dancewave is proud and humbled at the opportunity to be able to gift dance to members of our community at this defining moment,” said Sindy Folgar, Director of Dancewave’s School & Community Programs.

Additionally, Dancewave offers weekly adult online dance and fitness classes (dancewave.org/adult-classes), with more online class and workshop announcements to be made later this Spring. Learn more about Dancewave’s Moving Together program at dancewave.org/community-classes, or email press@dancewave.org. Donations towards Moving Together free online dance classes support Dancewave’s [\\$25,000 for 25 Years GoFundMe Campaign](#).

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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. Through innovative programming, we use dance as a vehicle for transformation. Dancewave’s Culture Model creates an inclusive environment for all ages, abilities, sexual orientations, racial and socio-economic backgrounds. Visit dancewave.org for more information.