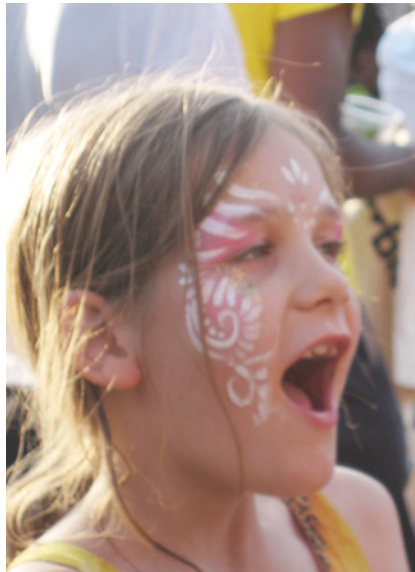


## Dance your socks off in Dalston!



Me and my sister Tilda



Festival spirit at Dance Nations



Khadidja with friends

### By Alma Harrison, 9 years old, Rushmore Primary School

Today, I went to Gillett Square to see Dance Nations, an annual music and dance event with workshops. We got there around 6pm and it was extremely busy. There were so many people dancing, singing and chatting. A band called Wara played very loud music and it was so good it made me want to dance my socks off!

Earlier in the day there was a carnival by Tropical Isles and a drumming workshop that sounded exciting. I interviewed a girl from Colvestone School who had been at Dance Nations for quite a long time. She was called Khadidja and she was eight years old. She said: 'I enjoyed dancing to the music and playing with my friends'.

After the interview we walked to the shop to get refreshing and ice-cold drinks. There was also lots of food stalls and it smelt good. Then the Boy Blue dancing started. The street dance was excellent because they were dancing like they were professionals or it looked like they had done it since they were little. After the performance a man on stage showed us how to do the moves!

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Dance Nations at Gillett Square  
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Wicked dance routine by Boy Blue



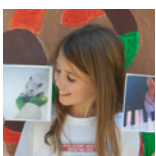
Boy Blue waiting to perform



Dancing on Gillett Square

This is what my sister Tilda who is six years old thought: 'The music was loud and people were dancing. My drink was cold. I saw a man wearing lots and lots of badges. I like badges. The street dancers were good. My favourite dancers were the girl with glasses and hair in a bun. She did a good statue. I also liked the dancer with really long hair. Lots of people watched the dance show and I was a bit squashed but a lady from the Barbican found me a great spot right at the front.'

We had a really good time and would recommend you to go to Dance Nations next year!



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