

Dance group's dream trip saved by Scots firms

A YOUNG American dance group are enjoying a sweet taste of Scotland after a shortbread firm helped to rescue their trip of a lifetime.

Members of New York's Dancewave Company were ecstatic after they were selected to be the sole US act to perform at this year's Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

But the dancers, based in Brooklyn, New York, were devastated after their travel fund was stolen by a bogus travel agency.

Despite the setback, they will entertain Granite City audiences today after Scottish firms, including Walkers shortbread, dug deep to help bring them across the Atlantic.

Dancewave have gained rave reviews for their edgy modern dance routines.

Members of the group, who are 14-18, launched a range of fundraising events to help cover the £30,000 costs of their trip, but were shattered

when a significant chunk of the pot was taken by the travel firm.

The teenagers refused to concede defeat and their efforts were rewarded when a number of organisations, including confectionery giants Walkers, the American-Scottish Foundation charity and financial firm Aberdeen Asset Management made donations to their fund.

British Airways also supplied 10 free transatlantic tickets.

