



Guild of Oriental Dance

NEWSLETTER

May—September 2009

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Letter from the 1st Chair ...

Hello Guild Members!

I would like to share the events that are being planned and those that are posted on the Guild calendar (www.guildoforientaldance.org). I would like also share that there has been tremendous support of and enthusiasm with events. I appreciate the feedback to assure that members are being valued in the organization and are having fun.

May was highlighted with the “Shimmy for the Cure” American Breast Cancer event held at the Mall of America and a Guild sponsored festival at the Beirut Restaurant. Also in May there were Henna, Asian Sleeve, Fan Veil workshops and a Jasmin Jahal seminar in Chisholm MN.

June had performer discount offers, Zillin’ Like a Villain workshop, Rochester Show, a Guild sponsored festival at Jawaahir Theater, and Summer haflas.

July brought workshops, discounts, Fusion Fest, various shows, Corn Women Camp Out, and a Guild festival at the Shiraz.

In August “Raqs Nouveau”, recitals, and the Guild festival at Ansari’s was followed by Guild participate in the Middle Eastern Weekend at the Renaissance Festival.

September will bring the Guild’s biggest event of the season Please plant to attend the 3rd Annual Benefit Performance Festival to help the Women’s Advocacy on September 5, 2009 to be held at 7PM at the Jawaahir Theater.

Watch your email for Guild Communications and please check the Guild web calendar often for updates.

Best Regards,
Linda “Aylalini” Brown
First Chair of the Guild of Oriental Dance

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Guild Meeting Minutes: May 3 and July 18, 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY—Guild Meeting Minutes May 3, 2009

The May 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes will be sent in separate communications. A summary of past meeting minutes are linked at:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/meeting.php

Officer Reports: First Chair, Second Chair, Treasurer, Membership Officer, Newsletter Editor, Website Officer.

Guild Festival Committee Report: April (9 dancers) and May (17 performances).

Future Guild Event proposals and discussions:

- Sewing Seminar - date to be announced: Louise Indritz coordinating chair
- July 26, Picnic is being planned: Becky Krueger is coordinating chair. Separate email will be sent to membership.

New Business- unanimously accepted votes:

- Online payments for membership renewals and DVD sales will be developed further and implemented.
- Membership cycle moves to January 1st with free membership extension through August – December 2009, effective 1/1/2010.
- Attachment: Unfinished Business – Topics from earlier meetings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY—Guild Meeting Minutes July 18, 2009

The July 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes will be sent in separate communications. A summary of past meeting minutes are linked at:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/meeting.php

NEXT GUILD MEETING – Sept. 13, 2009, Jawaahir Building, 10:30am.

Officer Reports: First Chair, Second Chair, Treasurer, Communications, and Website Officer.

Guild Festival Committee Report: June (9 performances) and July (11 performances). Upcoming Guild Festival dates are:

- August 2 at Ansari's Mediterranean Grill (Barb)
- September 5 Fundraiser at JDC (Leslie) working with the Fundraising Committee: Barb Fulton and Linda Brown. The 3rd Annual Benefit/Fundraiser Festival - September 5, 2009, supporting the Women's Advocates, Inc.

New Business- unanimous vote of acceptance:

- Formation of new committee: "Wages, Rates and Party Guidelines Committee" Appointment of committee chair will be made following the meeting.
- Follow-up with finished Business – Topics from earlier meetings.
- Attachment: Unfinished Business – Topics from earlier meetings.

Committees

MONTHLY FESTIVALS

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Guild Wages for Performers

by Melanie Meyer, Chair to the Wages, Rates and Party Guidelines Committee

This is a reminder to performing members of the current minimum wage guidelines and performance (show) cancellation fees - summarized below. The Guild has also assembled a Committee to review these wage guidelines since it has been some time since the last review and/or increase in wages. The Committee will be doing a market analysis of the rates, looking at club rates in other metropolitan areas as well as individual and/or performing group rates within our community.

RESTAURANTS/CLUBS: The current restaurant minimum rates are as follows; however, merit increase and tips are negotiable between restaurant owner and dancer(s) beyond these rates:

Current Guild Wage Guidelines / Minimum Club Rates:

\$60 for 1 show / \$75 for 2 shows / \$90 for 3 shows. In other words, the dancer is paid for the first show in the set on her scheduled night \$60. Additional performances during the evening are \$15 each.

Cancellation Performance Fee:

If all the evening performances are cancelled after the dancer arrives at the restaurant, a \$25 fee is paid to the dancer along with dinner. This does not apply, however, if the dancer performs at least one show in the evening and the remaining scheduled dance sets are cancelled, or if the dancer is called and cancelled prior to her arrival.

PRIVATE SHOWS/PARTIES/GALAS:

Private Party Solo Dancer Rates: Minimum \$100 for 1 show

Group Rates: Rates vary (dependent on type of engagement, number of dancers, length of show). Contact group directly for more details.

Dancers should not take less than the Guild minimum rate for shows. Doing so undercuts the dance community's effort to ensure good working conditions and wages. Supporting the Guild guidelines benefits us all by ensuring fairness and quality of professionalism.

GUILD LIBRARIAN

Tatyana Butkova
butkova@yahoo.com

AUDITING COMMITTEE
TBD

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
TBD

WANT TO JOIN A COMMITTEE?
CONTACT A CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR INFORMATION.

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588 Grand Avenue
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Fax: 651.227.4786
www.wadvocates.org

Building Nonviolent Futures One Family at a Time

Keeping Families Safe Since 1974

Guild of Oriental Dance 3rd Annual Benefit Performances

All Proceed will be donated to the Women's Advocates, Inc

OPEN TO EVERYONE!
Saturday, September 5, 2009
7:00PM—10:00PM
Free—No Cost
Jawaahir Dance Studio Theater



The Guild of Oriental Dance is an organization of professional and avocational Middle Eastern dancers. It was established in 1981 to help promote Middle Eastern dance, provide dancers with performance opportunities, and promote camaraderie within the dance community.



**REACHING OUT
IN OUR OWN WAY**

- Ways to contribute:**
1. Perform; contact the committee at GuildFestival@yahoo.com
 2. Free-will offering at the door.
 3. Charity items:
- Household Items Needed: White Bath Towels & Wash Cloths, Large Floor Fans - Either Square or Round, Pots, Pans, Dishes, Cooking Utensils, and Silverware (for Moving Out Kits), Birthday Cake Decorations - Candles, Numbers, Decorative Icing, etc. and Used Cell Phones
- Baby Items Needed: Booster Seats Outdoor Toddler Toys - Water Sprinklers, Wagons, Cars to Ride in, Etc., Infant Formula - Similac Advance, Bottles, Pacifiers, Sippy Cups, Baby Powder, Lotion, Oil, Desitin, and Infant Nail Clippers - New and Diapers and Pull Ups - All Sizes Baby Wipes
- Clothing Needed: Children's Clothing - Especially Sizes 2T-5T, Boy's Underwear - Sizes 3-4, Women's Pajamas and Clothing.
- Personal Care Items Needed: African American Hair Products - Hair Gel, Hair Moisturizer, and Hair Grease, Full Size Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, and Body Lotion, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, and Chapstick

Event and Program Notes: Contributions will be accepted at the door and during event. Donations not required to attend event, please come and have fun and provide support! DVD will be available

*Metro
Restaurants
with Dancers*

ANSARI'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL & BAR
1960 Rahnclyff Court,
Eagan 651-452-0999

BEIRUT RESTAURANT
1385 S Robert St, St. Paul
651-457-4886; Fri & Sat 7:30
p.m.

FALAFEL KING RESTAURANT
8508 Lyndale Ave S,
Bloomington
952-888-3008
Fri & Sat 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Live music with open dancing

JERUSALEM'S RESTAURANT
1518 Nicollet Ave S,
Minneapolis
612-871-8883; Fri & Sat 7:30
& 9 p.m.

MAIRIAN'S TABLE
23 NE Fourth St, Minneapolis
612-746-4272; Shows: 1st
Saturday of
every month; 7 & 9 p.m.
www.mairianstable.com

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE
Hwy 13 and Cedar Ave S,
Eagan
651-452-5991, Thur 7 & 8:30
p.m.,
Fri & Sat 7, 9 & 10 p.m.
www.medcruisecafe.com/
schedule.htm

SANTORINI
9920 Wayzata Blvd,
St. Louis Park
952-546-6722; Sun 7 p.m.

SHIRAZ
6042 Nicollet Ave S, Mpls
612-861-5500; Fri & Sat 7, 8,
& 9 p.m.

Guild Sponsored Events—Calendar of Events and Offers

Guild Event Details:

Check the Guild Calendar often as there are new events and event updates being made often: www.guildoforientaldance.org

September 5, 2009

"Open Stage" Festival Benefit – Free, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Guild of Oriental Dance Benefit Festival Supporting:
the Women's Advocates, Inc.

Jawaahir Theater, 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Mpls.
If you would like to dance let us know by emailing:
guildfestival@yahoo.com

- Lots of audience space. What a fun night for dancing and the entertainment is free - come one, come all.

September 13, 2009

Guild Meeting - Members are welcome to join the meeting,
10:30am - 12:00pm
Jawaahir Building Meeting Room, 1940 Hennepin Ave S
Agenda: Officer Reports, old business and event planning.

October 4, 2009

"Open Stage" Festival at the Cruise - free show,
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Mediterranean Cruise Restaurant, 12500 Nicollet Ave, Burnsville
(Hwy 13 & Nicollet)
Call 952-641-6222 for restaurant info and reservations.

If you would like to dance let us know by emailing: guildfestival@yahoo.com

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November 14, 2009

"Open Stage" Festival – Free
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Jawaahir Theater, 1940 Hennepin Ave S, Mpls.

If you would like to dance let us know by emailing:
guildfestival@yahoo.com

- Lots of audience space. What a fun night for dancing and the entertainment is free - come one, come all.

*Guild Wage
Guidelines and
Minimum Club
Rates*

**CURRENT GUILD WAGE
GUIDELINES MINIMUM
CLUB RATES**

\$60.00 for 1 show / \$75.00 for 2 shows / \$90.00 for 3 shows
This is a special rate for clubs because they have regularly scheduled dance performances.

**MINIMUM PRIVATE
PARTY RATES**

Private Party Solo Dancer Rates: Minimum \$100 (and often more) for 1 show.

Group Rates: Rates will vary. Contact group directly for more details.

This rate includes a \$10.00 Guild Agency Fee the dancer would send to the Guild, if the referral service is used. Rate guidelines are not the same as the Guild agency fees.

Dancers should not take less than the Guild minimum rate for shows or private parties. Doing so undercuts the Guild effort to ensure good working conditions and wages. Supporting the Guild guidelines benefits us all.

Disclaimer:
Dance images best viewed online, paper copies may be a little fuzzy when printed.

Member Hosted Events—Calendar of Events and Offers:

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September 1, 2, and 12, 2009

Special Fundamentals Session for Beginning Dancers—Mini Workshops

If you are excited about belly dance but don't want to wait until October, we have just the thing. The Cassandra School is offering fundamentals mini-workshops focusing on just movement without finger cymbals. Check out the flyer, and our class FAQs for more information, and call the office for advice. Price for the 5-week session is \$65 and for the the 4-week session is \$50. Register the first night of class. [Www.jawaahir.org](http://www.jawaahir.org)

- Tuesdays 5:30pm, in Bloomington: Starting Sept 1
9050 Lyndale Avenue South Suite 115, Bloomington, 55420
- Wednesdays 6:00pm, in Minneapolis: Starting Sept 2
[Jawaahir Studio 1940 Hennepin Ave S www.jawaahir.org](http://www.jawaahir.org)
- Saturdays 11:00am, in St. Paul: Starting Sept 12
Arthur Murray Dance Center 534 Selby Ave, St. Paul, 55102

September 5, 2009

Dancer's Day Discount at SaraCura, 1411 SE 4th St. Minneapolis (Dinkytown), First Saturday of the month is Dancer's Day! 15% discount on dance-related merchandise

September 10-11, 2009

8 @ 8 The CIA (Choreographers in Accord) performs in Minneapolis Featuring Jawaahir Dance Company and other local dance companies. Thursday and Friday September 10-11, 2009 at 8pm
The Ritz Theater, 345 13th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413
Tickets are \$15 with a \$5 discount for seniors, students, and NE residents. Tickets are available at [The Ritz Theater](http://www.ritzdolls.com/tickets) box office or at the door <http://www.ritzdolls.com/tickets>

September 12, 2009

Aliyah Sahar workshop in Madison WI
Turkish Belly Dance, The Madison Multicultural Dance Center
1421 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53715
\$40 before 8/31, \$50 after that date
info@madisonmultidance.com 608-438-6632

September 13, 2009

Julianna Sword Workshop \$40, 2:30pm - 5:00pm
Julianna teaches one of her dramatic sword choreographies in this 2.5 hour workshop. Choreography includes music and notes Nutrition Shop, 1608 Highway 52 North Hillcrest Plaza, Rochester

*Guild Web
Resources*

FOR HIRE

INFORMATION:

Use this link to access our database for available dancers for your next big event or to find a teacher in your area.

Performers:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/performer.php

Performers Services:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/performance.php

Teachers:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/teacher.php

TO ADD YOUR INFO TO THE WEBSITE, COMPLETE THE "PERFORMANCE SERVICES FORM" AND EMAIL IT TO THE WEBMASTER:

INFO@GUILDOFORIENTALDANCE.ORG

Performance Services

Form:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/form/performanceForHire.txt

TO SELL A COSTUME

OR PATTERN: Send description (60 words max) and up to 2 photos (2"x2") to: info@guildoforientaldance.org

TO VIEW COSTUMES AND/OR PATTERNS FOR SALE:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/costume.php (Patterns are available below the posted costumes.)

FOR SPACE RENTALS:

www.guildoforientaldance.org/rental.php

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September 16-20, 2009

Oasis Dance Camp North - Celebrating 25 years of dance
Cassandra will be teaching and performing, Traverse City, Michigan
<http://www.oasisdancecamp.com> then click on Camps, North on the left side. This year Cassandra, Nicole LeCorgne and other guest artists will be teaching. If you must choose one camp to attend, this is the one.

Dance Camp - No Experience Necessary: So you want to come to Oasis but you're just starting out, or your best friend has always wanted to try it since you love it so much, here is the opportunity to meet each of those needs! Along with novice, intermediate and advanced levels, Oasis will offer 'learn the basics' classes for the beginning student!

September 20, 2009

Al-Bahira's Fall Spooooktacular Show \$12, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Patrick's Cabaret Theater, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. S., Minneapolis

Join us for a dance event of the fall season featuring performances from the sublime to the spooky! Enjoy experimental new works, comedy, horror, and hauntingly beautiful works.

September 21-30, 2009

Cassandra's College_{SM} Fall 2009
Our experience is your advantage!

Cassandra's College was created to expand and enhance students' knowledge and dance experience. Classes and workshops are offered in topics that are important for dancers to learn but don't fall into the usual format of dance classes. Cassandra says, join us for higher education!.

Printable [flyer](#)

September 26 - 27, 2009

Cassandra Teaching in Indiana for Workshop
hosted by Ruby Jazayre
<http://www.jawaahir.org/EventDetails.htm>

Guild Membership Renewal Info

RENEWAL FORM

You can access the renewal form on the website under Membership.

CALENDAR YEAR

August 1 to July 31

DUES

\$24

BENEFITS

- Annual Party
- Annual Picnic
- Annual Show
- Monthly Dance Festivals
- Flea Markets
- Fundraisers
- Library
- Seminars on various Middle Eastern related topics
- Parades and other outdoor festivals
- Community communication
- Committee participation
- Performance wages

SEND ADDRESS AND PHONE CHANGES TO:

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aylalini@comcast.net

Please visit the Guild website calendar often as event status, printable flyers, and added offerings are updated routinely.

guildoforientaldance.org

Member Hosted Events...Continued:

September 27, 2009

Belly Dance Intro, Yoga, Spiritual Healing Day Retreat
1:00pm - 6:00pm

Windsong Retreat Center, about 1 hour from Minneapolis
319 N Madison, Saint Croix Falls, Wisconsin 54024
\$50 per person

Retreat to Refresh, Restore and Rejoice

CENTER: We will be led by Carol Murto, Channeled Spiritual Healer, www.channeledspiritualhealing.com to our soul connection and create an intention for the day.

EXPRESS: Next Bonnie Berquam, Bonjoni-belly dance teacher and performer, will lead us as we explore the rhythms of the Middle East and connect through the playful spirit and movement of belly dance.

RELAX: Then relax and release into a meditative bliss as Hiyalah Indiga, Body Prayer Yoga Studios, leads us through gentle, healing yoga moves.

NOURISH: We will complete our day with an honoring ceremony and a delicious, healthy, handmade meal by Lori McNally,

Mail your \$50 non refundable registration check made out to Carol J. Murto to: Carol J. Murto, 833 Margaret Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106 by Sept 22. You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of your payment if you include your email or phone number with your payment

October 3, 2009

Dancer's Day Discount at SaraCura, 1411 SE 4th St. Mpls (Dinkytown)
First Saturday of the month is Dancer's Day! 15% discount on dance-related merchandise.

October 10, 2009

Mirah Ammal Drum Solo Wkshp-Madison, WI
Dynamic Drum Solos That Pop!
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Drum solos are key for any dancer--when the interplay between the rhythm of the music and the movement in the dancer's body is right, it takes on a life of its own! In this class we'll explore techniques and tips for creating dynamic drum solo performances, plus dramatic combinations and accents.

Hosted by the Madison Multicultural Dance Center
1:00-4:00 p.m.
\$25 before 9/28, \$30 after 9/28

...And Saturday evening, stop by the Mediterranean Hookah Lounge for special performances by Mirah Ammal!

Member Hosted Events—Calendar of Events and Offers:

October 7-11, 2009

Oasis Dance Camp West - Vashon Island, Seattle, WA

www.oasisdancecamp.com then click on Camps, West on left side

Cassandra will again be teaching at Oasis West, held at a rural camp on Vashon Island in Puget Sound near Seattle.

2009 Dance Camp - No Experience Necessary: So you want to come to Oasis but you're just starting out, or your best friend has always wanted to try it since you love it so much, here is the opportunity to meet each of those needs! Along with novice, intermediate and advanced levels, Oasis will offer 'learn the basics' classes for the beginning student!

October 11, 2009

Jawaahir Performing at the Mpls Institute of Arts Target Family Day,

11am - 5pm with the Jawaahir performing at 1pm & 3:30pm, with a dance workshop at 2pm

One Sunday a month Target sponsors events for families, kids, and the young at heart at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. You'll have a blast making art, going on artful adventures, meeting local artists, musicians, dancers, and story tellers, and more!

October 15, 2009

Jawaahir Performing at the Honoring Women Worldwide Conference

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Medtronic Auditorium A

Jawaahir will be performing at the 2009 Honoring Women Worldwide conference sponsored by Medtronic and Wells Fargo. The conference is open to the public and has the theme of building cross-cultural communities.

5:30 - 8:30 (doors open at 4:30)

Members registering on or before October 10: \$39, after October 10: \$49
Student Members (valid student ID) & Senior Members (age 65+) registering on or before October 10: \$25, after October 10: \$35
Non-members registering on or before October 10: \$49, after Oct 10: \$59
Mounds View, Family Facility, Medtronic Auditorium A

Member Hosted Events—Calendar of Events and Offers:

October 23-25, 2009

*Aliyah Sahar teaches at the 3rd Annual Northern
WI Full Circle Belly Dance Festival*

3:00pm - 9:00pm

Located at the Telemark Resort Cable WI

http://www.telemarkeducation.com/bellydance/registration_form09.pdf

If you have questions please contact Deb Malesevich at 715-798-3999

Ext. #547 or email debm@telemarkeducation.com

October 24, 2009

Blue Lotus Cabaret \$7, 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Seating limited, early ticket sales recommended

Rochester Civic Theatre, 20 Civic Drive SE , Rochester ,MN 55904

Julianna / 507 358-3330 or juliannabellydance@yahoo.com

Prepare yourself for an enchanting evening of swirling silks and hypnotic percussion as the Blue Lotus Dance Co. perform compelling dances of the Middle East. Rochester Civic Theatre Lobby will be transformed into a delightful cabaret . Bar available for wine and beer.

October 30, 31 and November 1, 2009

Cassandra Teaching & Performing in Calgary, Canada

All day event

Hosted by Hip Fest

October 30 - November 1, 2009

Cassandra will be teaching three 3-hour workshops covering Oriental with Finger Cymbals, Drum Solo Choreography, and Egyptian Ghawazee & Saudi Khaleeji, as well as performing in the Saturday evening show.

info@bellydance.ca, or 403-277-8866.

<http://www.jawaahir.org/Event%20Details/Cassandra%20in%20Calgary0910/2009HipFestPage.pdf>

November 7, 2009

Dancer's Day Discount at SaraCura, 1411 SE 4th St. Mpls (Dinkytown)
First Saturday of the month is Dancer's Day! 15% discount on dance-related merchandise.

Member Hosted Events—Calendar of Events and Offers:

November 11-15, 2009

Oasis Dance Camp South
Oceanside Inn, Jekyll Island, GA

Join Cassandra as OASIS SOUTH heads home to the renovated Oceanside Inn and Suites on the beach at Jekyll Island. The one thing that has never changed here is the beautiful location. Now that they have re-done the rooms, renovated the conference center and added a great new restaurant, it's the perfect location, and yes, there is a new hot tub!

Oasis South is the ideal camp to bring along friends and family. The rooms are small kitchenettes and the island has lots of activities for non-dancers during class time. Special rates for non-dancing roommates are available. Please contact Jean for more information.

New in 2008: Dance Camp - No Experience Necessary
So you want to come to Oasis but you're just starting out, or your best friend has always wanted to try it since you love it so much, here is the opportunity to meet each of those needs! Along with novice, intermediate and advanced levels, Oasis will offer 'learn the basics' classes for the beginning student!

November 13-15, 2009

Aliyah Sahar teaches & performs & Julianna teaches & performs
4th Annual Great Lakes Belly Dance Convention, 21 Guest Instructors
Best Western Executive Plaza & Conference Center,
2900 Jackson Rd Ann Arbor ,MI
<http://www.thebellydancedivas.com/greatlakes.htm>

November 21-22, 2009

Cassandra Teaching & Performing in Philadelphia—Hosted by Habiba

November 28, 2009

Cassandra's Cabaret: Fall Fling at 8:00PM
Featuring: Cassandra & TBD
Jawaahir Studio Theater

Belly Dance and Image
by Linda B.

Is it the costume that makes the performer or the sensual feel of the costume enhancing the gestures of the moves? All could be true and depends, however I try to interpret the phrases of the music and match the sensuality of the costume afterwards. I like fantasizing music when looking at the costumes on Dahlal's garment racks help me melds the flow of the performance. After all it is the visualization of the music through dance the embraces the audience when making your presence on stage. The confidence of the dancer is comforted by a comfortable good looking costume.

The coverings and veils through history have symbolized the modesty of women in the Middle East. The privacy of women's skin is highly alluring to men. Costuming range from mid-drift and skirt or harem pants to fully covered dress stylings. Part of the costuming and presenting a performance is the use of props like veils to cover themselves or fill the dance space with fabric work.

The Hollywood influence of the Middle Eastern Dance imagery has an mystic illusion. The dance of the seven veils was invented, yes in Hollywood. This dance aligns with the myth veils are symbolic of the earthly vices, well it is a good theory. These veils are separately peeled away from the body leaving nearly nothing as clothing in the dance. This is quite seductive and said to be an interpretation from the Biblical reading of Solome' and myths of Inanna and Ishtar. Hollywood had very theatrical seductiveness to their idea about what the women wore to perform. Remember "Cleopatra" starring Elizabeth Taylor, "Sampson and Delilah" with Hedy Lamarr, and Claudette Colbert's costume in the 1934 "Cleopatra" with their chiffon pleats and glamour. These actresses were not trained Middle Eastern Dancers however they were able to provide an illusion of the dance. For a realistic view of the dance costume, a recommendation would be to watch the *The Stars of Egypt* Video series with historical popular dancers and their costuming.

We all strive at belly dance beyond movement and look for interpretation, feelings, excitement, precision, and fun. A great dance will tell a story and draw you into the movements to help you "hear" the music. Dina, who is an Egyptian dancer that was in Texas recently, is effective at raising the energy in the room. Her dance is free of inhibitions and not restrictive of provocative gestures, yet remains within the boundary of the dance style. It was great fun to watch. Her costuming is typically a mini-skirt ensemble which fits her personality.

Locally we have Cassandra Shore, who lures the audience into her sensual and musical world by the visual use of movements and orchestrated precision. What you don't hear in the music, Cassandra will show you visually with an artful accent of the hips or even an eyebrow. The deliberate use of sensual gestures are mesmerizing to watch and very joyful.

These two dancers are only some examples of performers that unleash an artful spirit that will influence your dance forever! Costuming and technique are paramount when combined with music that captivates the audience.

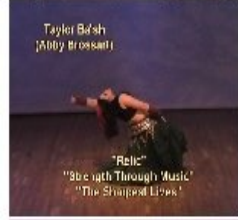
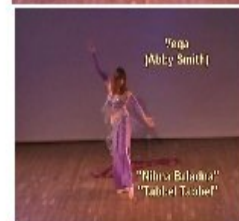
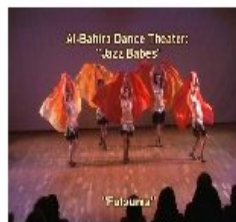
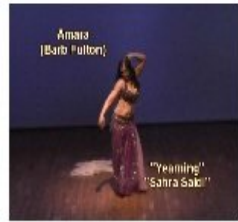
Our personal image of the dance is a journey of body, spirit and concentration of effort. This personal imagery will change over the years with experience, practice, and maturity. But the one constant is that costuming styles have not changed much and trends from the 1950-60's resurface and we all have enough dance pieces to make a collective of fusion interpretation on our bodies. So find a costume style you feel good about, a great color, something flattering, and dance the night away.



Here are the snapshots from the Annual Guild Show. The dancers all were energized and had fun performing. It was the best I have seen for enthusiasm to dance at a Guild Show. This was because of all the wonderful support from the local dance schools bringing in their students as well returning performers. I was a good show.

Considering buying the video and see these dancers in action. The DVD is available for a little while longer:
<http://www.gulldofororientaldance.org/attachments/orderform.html>





Guild Contact Info

WEBSITE

PUBLISHING
EVENTS ON THE
GUILD WEBSITE IS
NOW EASIER

Post your own event on the Guild of Oriental Dance web calendar by going to the Guild website and clicking on the Events menu.

For instructions,

1. Go to the Guild website,
2. Mouseover the Events menu
3. Choose *Instructions for Adding New Event* from the sub-menu.

Please visit the Guild website calendar often as event status, printable flyers, and added offerings are updated routinely.

guildoforientaldance.org



Shazadi



Rashida & Maya



Nasheeta



Yoninah



Sonja Um-Siri



Tatyana



Najwa

Salome Alexandra



Khalilah Indivar



Theresa



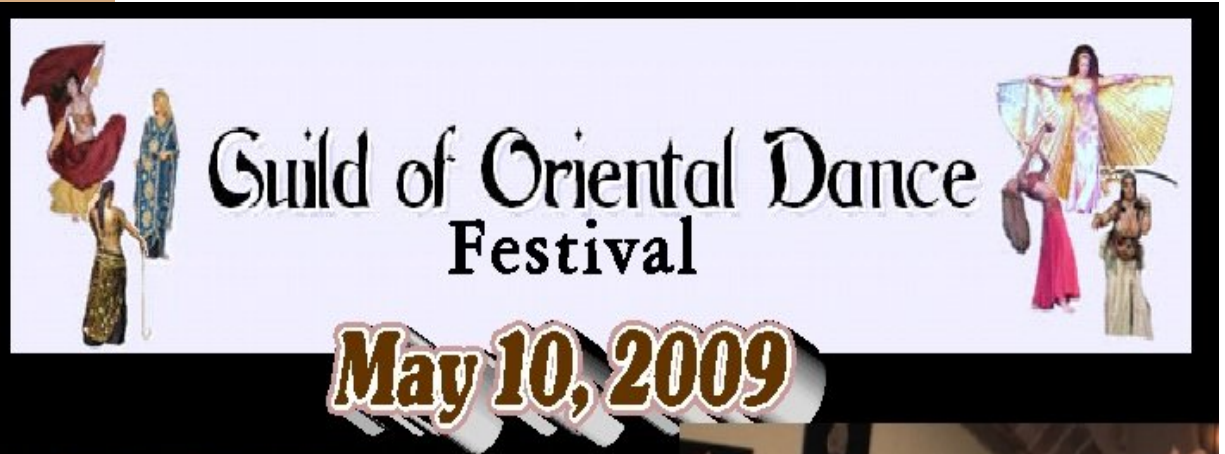
Mariyah

*Guild's Mother Day Festival at the Beirut Restaurant
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Guild Calendar
Updates;

Check the Guild
of Oriental Dance
Calendar for
updates and more
events.

[www.guildoforiental
dance.org](http://www.guildoforiental
dance.org)



Aisha



Inara



Angelina



Angela



Linda



Aleesa



June 6, 2009



Sarah's Level 3



Theodora



Ying



Inaki



Jada



Perizada & Inaya



Guild of Oriental Dance Festival at the Shiraz



July 12, 2009



Angelina



Mariyah



Vega



Amara



Theodora



Katrina



Khalida



Amina



Mirah



Tatyana



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August 2, 2009



Nasheeta



Sara



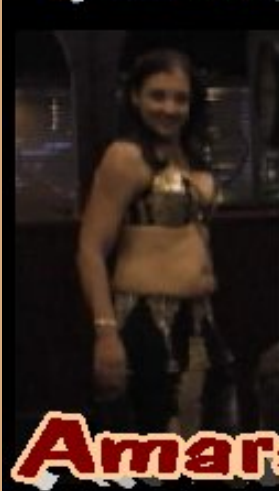
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Khalila



Saahira



Amara



Azzuri Mraz





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Katrina



Luna



Tatyana



Vega



**Totatly
Northern
Tribal**



Tova



Nadia



Angela



Mirah Ammal

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Advertise your dance
related business:
Classes, Costuming,
Jewelry, Music,
Coupons, Discounts,
Restaurants, etc.
Guild Members only.

Guidelines for entries are on page 20 of this newsletter.



Newsletter Ad Guidelines

ADS FOR GUILD SPONSORED EVENTS

- Image should be print ready - We cannot make edits.
- Size: up to 8.25" width x 10.75" height (Note: May be re-sized slightly to fit Newsletter layout.)
- Page Orientation: Portrait
- 300 DPI
- Can be Full Color or Black & White
- Jpg or PDF file format
- Include dates - If no dates are included, ad will run for up to 2 months (subject to space availability) and then will need to be resubmitted. If a date is specified on the ad, it will run through the month of the event - ex. Event on February 26 will only run in the February Issue; an ad for April, will run through the April Issue.) Ads with dates can run for no more than 3 months, so if your event is 6 months from now, you can submit the ad 3 months prior to the event.
- Ad will be removed from the newsletter after the run time expires.
- All ads are subject to review by the editor and/or other board members for acceptability.

ADS FOR PERSONAL, DANCE-RELATED ADS (GUILD MEMBERS ONLY)

- Image should be print ready - We cannot make edits.
- Size: 4" width x 4.75" height (Note: May be re-sized slightly to fit Newsletter layout.)
- Page Orientation: Portrait
- 300 DPI
- Can be Full Color or Black & White
- Jpg or PDF file format
- Personal, dance-related ad space is limited. So you can submit up to two ads, but specify priority as space restrictions may only allow one ad to print.
- Include dates - If no dates are included, ad will run for up to 2 months (subject to space availability) and then will need to be resubmitted. If a date is specified on the ad, it will run through the month of the event - ex. Event on February 26 will only run in the February Issue; an ad for April, will run through the April Issue.) Ads with dates can run for no more than 3 months, so if your event is 6 months from now, you can submit the ad 3 months prior to the event.
- Ad will be removed from the newsletter after the run time expires.
- In the event that personal ad space reaches capacity in the newsletter, ads will be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis and/or by the date of event, whichever comes first. (Ads with no dates may be omitted at this point.) This will allow everyone's ad to run at some point. As the newsletter will be published on a monthly basis, please keep this in mind.
- Cost: None (We will be discussing minimal ad rates for members who want to purchase additional ad space to submit larger or multiple ads at a future time. However, to keep the newsletter to a minimum page run, the 1/4 page size is what we need to restrict it to.
- All ads are subject to review by the editor and/or other board members for acceptability.
- NOTE: Guild Members with dance-related businesses can also submit ads to run coupons or discount offers for Guild Members. Please keep in mind, this is for "Dance -Related" ads, so if your business is, for example, Interior Design, this does not fall under a dance-related category and your ad will not be accepted. Please feel free to contact Nadia with questions: BeadLust@Comcast.net

ADS FOR GUILD SUPPORTED RESTAURANT COUPONS

- Same guidelines as the personal, dance-related ads.

*Guild of Oriental
Dance
Mission Statement*

The Guild of Oriental Dance is an organization of professional and avocational Middle Eastern Dancers.

The organization was established in 1981 to help promote Middle Eastern Dance, provide dancers performance opportunities, and promote camaraderie within the dance community.

The Guild also helps ensure good working conditions and minimum wage guidelines for professional and avocational performers working in and around the Twin Cities. Implicit in the charter is a wish to promote improved intercultural understanding between the United States and the Middle East through music and dance.



Tips, Hints, and Ideas:

Try simple www.google.com searches for tips and tricks when working with props like swords, veils, fans and more. An example web hit: Yasmina's Joy of Belly Dancing site for lots of tips: <http://www.joyofbellydancing.com/bdtips2.htm> Remember, taking classes, workshops and practice will make you perfect.

Renaissance Festival

Mid-East Mirage Weekend
August 22-23, 2009

Over 150 performers participated including most of the Guild of Oriental Dance.

This photo was taken during the daily parades.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The Guilds of Oriental Dance renewal process has begun for the next membership session August 1—December 31 (extension granted with renewals due for January 2010):



Membership form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone (home): _____

Phone (work): _____

Email Address: _____

Dance Name: _____

Cost*

- Renewing members: \$24
- New members**
 - o Between August 1 and January 31, 2010: \$24
 - o After January 2010: \$2 per month for each remaining month in 2010 (for example, a membership paid for in July would have 6 remaining months in 2010 including July and cost \$2 x 6 months or \$12). For more information, see the Guild website>Memberships.
- Write checks to Guild of Oriental Dance

** Membership dues are non-refundable.*

*** Includes people who have not been a member for more than a year*

Calendar year

Starting in 2010, the Guild membership calendar year is moving from August 1 – July 31 to January 1 – December 31. Memberships paid for during August 1 – December 31, 2009 will be valid for the entire 2010 year.