

Mission Statement:

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



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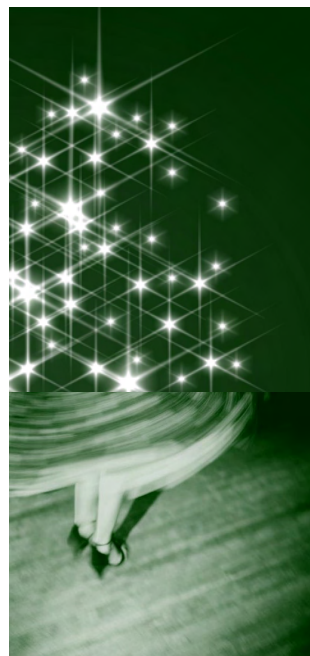
November – December 2011

\$1,128 Raised for Women’s Advocates, Inc. at September 11, 2011 Guild Festival

Congratulations to all who participated in donating \$1,128, four bags of supplies & a stroller at the Guild of Oriental Dance 5th Annual Open Stage Festival Fundraiser for Women’s Advocates, Inc., a shelter for women & children located in St. Paul.

The first \$500 was matched with a \$500 donation from the Guild of Oriental Dance. The motion to provide a matching grant was proposed and approved at the Guild Member Meeting the morning of the day of the Festival Fundraiser.

The open stage festival was held at the JDC Studio theater. There were 24 acts, 3 drummers and approximately 44 dancers!



Barb Fulton, the Festival organizer who delivered the check and the donated items said:

“Women’s Advocates was thrilled with the results of our fundraiser for them and wanted to express their thanks to all performers and contributors.”

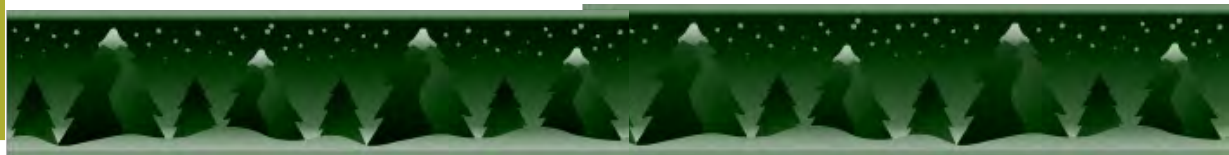
Special thanks to the volunteers who made the show happen from behind the scenes & at the front of the house. Thanks also to Jawaahir for donating use of the JDC studio theater.

Photos of the show can be found on the Guild of Oriental Dance Facebook page.

Have an idea for a Guild sponsored event, workshop or fundraiser? Bring your ideas and input to the next Guild meeting!

Member Meeting
Sunday, November 13
10:00 AM
JDC studio
1940 Hennepin Ave.
All members are welcome!

If you have an item for the agenda, please contact Sam Huonder, First Chair, at: shuonder@live.com





Next Guild Open Stage Festival: November 13 at Mediterranean Cruise Cafe



Please join us at the next Guild Open Satge Festival at 6:30 at the **Mediterranean Cruise Café** at 12500 Nicollet Ave Burnsville MN, 55337 (pictured at right)



Hope to see you there! (reservations recommended)

Photos of the Festivals & Shows can now be found on the Guild of Oriental Dance Facebook Page.

Thirteen dancers are signed up to perform at this time and there is room for more! If you are interested in participating in the show please contact Barb Amara Fulton at: amarasdance@yahoo.com

December 11 Guild Festival: Please Bring New Hats & Mittens to Donate



Donations of new hats & mittens will be taken to **Sharing & Caring Hands, 525 North 7th Street, Minneapolis** after the show.



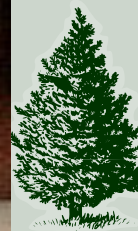
During the December 11 Guild Festival at the JDC Studio Theater at 1940 Hennepin Ave. (location pictured below right) we will be accepting new hats & mittens for donation to Sharing and Caring Hands.

tions to do our work. Every year, the donations of goods, services, time, and money by thousands of people allow Sharing and Caring Hands to make a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and children in need."

More about this extraordinary organization is on the following page.

If you would like to perform in the December Festival, please contact Barb Amara Fulton at: amarasdance@yahoo.com

From the sharingandcaringhands.org website: "Sharing and Caring Hands was established to be a bridge from the caring concerned community to the people in need of their help. We receive no government or United Way funding and rely solely on dona-



We are in need of a volunteer Stage Manager (a.k.a. "Performer Wrangler") for this Festival. If you are interested, please contact Barb at amarasdance@yahoo.com

On your way to dance class ... do you notice people standing on street corners holding cardboard signs asking for help? Do you wish you could do something but are at a loss as to what to do or where to begin? Did you know that at 525 North 7th Street in Minneapolis there is an organization that helps thousands of homeless people every month? The following articles are about Sharing and Caring Hands, an organization began in 1985 by Mary Jo Copeland. This year at the **December 11 Guild Festival at the JDC Studio Theater** we will be collecting **new hats and mittens to donate** to the homeless. If you are inspired to do more, bring more! (I will also be bringing adult and children's gently used coats.) You can also visit their website at www.sharingandcaringhands.org or call 612-338-4640. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. - Saskia Nichols, Newsletter Editor



Sharing and Caring Hands

A Compassionate Response to the Needs of the Poor



Meet Mary Jo Copeland

The people on the streets of Minneapolis call her their "street mother." City officials call her "an extraordinary leader" and an "urban saint." But Mary Jo Copeland, the founder and director of Sharing and Caring Hands, is not looking for praise. She knows from experience what it is to live in poverty and brokenness and she is striving to make the world a better place for the poor today.

Copeland's startup of Sharing and Caring is all the more remarkable given her painful past. She grew up in a family where her parents fought constantly and her emotionally disturbed father often beat her mother. Mary Jo was an emotionally deprived and socially dysfunctional child whom other children made fun of because they didn't understand.

Her self-esteem was almost nonexistent, like that of many other people she helps today. But someone made a difference in her life and her goal is to do the same for others - to bring relief and love and dignity to poverty stricken people.



DID YOU KNOW...

- 93% of all money donated to Sharing and Caring Hands goes to the needs of the poor, only 7 percent goes to management and fund raising.
- Sharing and Caring Hands serves over 240,000 meals each year (4,615 per week) to people in need.
- Mary's Place Transitional Shelter houses over 500 people each night (recent count 396 children, 150 adults in it's 92 family apartments) and provided 212,500 people days of shelter last year.
- We paid for 19,033 people nights of shelter last year for single men and women at paid for stay shelters and provided 7,175 people days of shelter for families in area hotels.
- We gave 10,000 showers last year (about 210 each week) to people with no other access to bathing facilities.
- We provided eye exams and glasses for over 600 people last year, over 1/2 of them were children referred to us by schools.
- We provided over 2,800 beds to adults and children that would otherwise be sleeping on the floor.
- We give out over 375,000 lbs. of food each year to people in need.
- Your generosity allows us to help thousands of individuals and families with emergency needs for rent, utilities, health expenses, food, clothing, shoes, funeral, travel expenses, job costs and much more.



Part of Mary Jo's Biography: (from the Sharing and Caring Hands website)

1985 - Started Sharing and Caring Hands, a volunteer organization, with few salaries and no bureaucracy. Money and donations go directly to the needs of the poor. Sharing and Caring Hands is a vehicle for concerned people to get directly involved in helping meet the needs for the less fortunate of our society.

1995 - Built Mary's Place, a beautiful \$7.5 million Transitional Housing apartment complex, born out of love, compassion, and concern for women and children in poverty. This building was made possible through private donations alone. It was named in honor of the Virgin Mary. It was expanded to 92 units in 2000 at a cost of \$6 million and now houses over 500 people, most of them children.

1985 to Present - Sharing and Caring Hands grew from a small volunteer organization with a \$5,000 a month budget working out of a 2,000 square-foot storefront, to a large volunteer organization that spends over \$400,000 a month on the needs of over 20,000 people who come through our doors monthly. This work is now being done out of three buildings, worth \$19 million, totaling 140,000 square-feet owned by Sharing and Caring Hands located on the edge of downtown Minneapolis. **Mary Jo has never taken a salary.**



GUILD OF ORIENTAL DANCE MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	September 11,,2011
CONVOCATION:	10:05
ADJOURNMENT:	11:02
LOCATION:	Jawaahir Dance Company 1940 Hennepin Ave. #2 Minneapolis, MN 55403



ATTENDANCE:	
Board Members	Members
Theresa Jurisch	
Joanna Lessard	
Kathy McCurdy	
Katie Burton	
Sandy Prochaska	

July, 2011 Meeting Minutes were Approved

September 11, 2011 Agenda was Adopted

OFFICER REPORTS:

First Chair (Sam Huonder): No Report

Second Chair (Joanna Lessard): No Report (no phone calls/complaints)

Treasurer (Kathy McCurdy): We have a positive balance (Waited for updated email)

Secretary (Sandy Prochaska): No Report

Newsletter Editor (Saskia Nichols): No Report (Really good job on last news letter. Contact her for information she may want to add about the picnic)

Membership and Communications (Katie Burton): 108 Members

Webmaster (Theresa Jursich): On-line registration is up. One new addition: Teachers and Performers do not have a form. (Looking for help with calendar)

GUILD OF ORIENTAL DANCE MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEES REPORTS

Festival Communications (Barb Fulton): October 16th confirmed at Ansaris, November 13th confirmed at Mediterranean Cruise

Professional Wage and Private Party Committee (Melanie Meyer): No Report

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 MOTIONS:

Motion: To match donations up to \$500 by the Guild for the Women's Advocacy Event

Motion: To pay presenters \$100 with the understanding that some presenters may request more.

NEW BUSINESS:

Honorariums paid to Coordinators vs. Committee Chairs

Establish Seminar Committee to be overseen by Joanna Lessard

Contact Saskia about a list of workshops

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2011 10:00

LOCATION: Jawaahir Dance Company
 1940 Hennepin Ave. #2
 Minneapolis, MN 55403

NOTES:

Get meeting minutes from July from Sam

Next meeting talk about Reduction in dues for members

List of planned seminars and dates



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Upcoming Member Meeting:

Sunday, Nov. 13 at 10:00

JDC Studio Theater

3rd floor

1940 Hennepin Ave.

Minneapolis

If you have ideas or topics to discuss, please contact First

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Happy Holidays!