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11TH ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA TO BENEFIT PRINCE CHARLES HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



A blast from the past! A happy snap from a previous Extravaganza. are you here ?



No, you're not seeing things! Picture from the recent Sydney Festival Concert.

It's that time of year again! - when we get to showcase the talent of our teachers, choreographers, and dancers at the 11th Annual Academy of Middle Eastern Dance Extravaganza.

The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation is to benefit this year. Funds raised are to be directed towards the wish list of the Children's wards, a very worthy cause. Prince Charles Hospital treats as many as 800 children a year for a variety of serious heart ailments.

This year for the first time we are performing in the lovely surrounds of the Art Deco theatre/restaurant The Tivoli, Costin Street, adjacent to the RNA Showgrounds.

If you decided not to participate this year as a performer in the show, we hope you'll be an enthusiastic audience and at the same time support the Prince Charles Hospital - and maybe next year we'll see you tread the boards.

Middle Eastern dance schools from all over Queensland and northern NSW will be participating in the Extravaganza program.

Feature performers this year include Nomadic Soul Drummers - a large drumming group from the North Coast area, Arabic orchestra "Arabisque", and Sarah Bakker (young star of the Brisbane production of Les Miserables).

Bazaar stalls will be marketing everything from swords to full beaded costumes, and Henna painting will also be available. Food and drinks will be for sale, and there is plenty of street parking in the area. Admission fees are Adults \$15, Concession \$12, and Children (5 -12) \$7. Doors open 11.30am, and show runs from 12noon to 3pm.



Harem Gossip

For those interested in percussion, teacher/performer Abdel El-Imam has produced a new CD demonstrating tabla rhythms. Cost \$25, and available through Abdel or Sue Buntine.

Another performer/teacher Adel Amin, now resident in Brisbane, also has a CD, *Joyful Drumming Vol 1* described as *The Ultimate Beginners Workshop for Middle Eastern Rhythms*. Both CDs are available through Maria Masselos's Bellydance Supplies.

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Melbourne's Maria St. Georgio visits the North Coast area to conduct a Beledi/Shaabi workshop in October 99. Contact person is Jenika (0754-498615)

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Congratulations to Oriel Mcpherson and her team of Hafla helpers who announced at the latest get together that the previous 2 events had blessed a women's refuge with a generous donation of \$800 from public support of the Hafla events. Good going!



Academy teacher and Oasis Dancer, and proud Mum Karen Herber, with Jordanna & Zoe. Karen has returned to performing and teaching after a 3year maternity break.

RAKS SHARQI



Visit HilalArt Website - see story for details.

Suraya Hilal visited Australia in July to conduct Raks Sharqi workshops in Melbourne.

Several dancers from Brisbane's Academy of Middle Eastern Dance have been fortunate enough to be able to attend Suraya's classes in the past few years, including Academy teachers Susan Buntine, Lesley Jolly, and Lorelle Hawes. Lorelle attended Suraya's class in London for two years.

Suraya Hilal's Melbourne contact Juliet Le Page has just begun a small newsletter ("Raks Sharqi").

If you would like to know more, receive the newsletter, or advice about any further Raks Sharqi workshops, or catalogue of Suraya's performance videos and new CD, contact Juliet

Le Page, P.O. Box 178
Gardenvale, Victoria 3185.

For those on the internet a web page on 'Hilal Art' listing videos and music and other useful information can be found at :

http://
www.ourworld.compuserve.com/
homepages/HilalArt

For those keen to further studies of Raks Sharqi, there is an exciting event planned for January 2000 at Lennox Head NSW.

Raks Sharqi teachers Helen Way and Sarah Hamilton will be

combining to teach a 3 day program covering Sha'abi, Beledi and Classical Egyptian Dance.

"Raks Sharqi Summer School 2000" fee is \$360 (discounted to \$310 if paid by 31st Oct 99) and includes accommodation at Lennox Head Sports & Recreation Centre (on Lake Ainsworth), all meals, and all workshops, and Yoga on the beach. Interested to know more?

Raks Sharqi Summer School 2000 contact is Jenny Bates at Toowoomba 46327189. Printed applications should be available soon, and you will need to get your applications in early as numbers are to be limited.



Azziza's Bellydance Supplies

Maria Masselos, one of the Academy directors, markets a good range of all types of Bellydance goods including:



- ❁ Beaded fringing
- ❁ Costumes
- ❁ Videos
- ❁ Music (Tape and CD)
- ❁ Jewellery
- ❁ Patterns

Ring Maria for details - Ph/Fax 07-3359 4680 Mobile 0417-500747



Profiling Lorelle

Our profile this month is Academy teacher Lorelle Hawes. Lorelle combines her skills of Middle Eastern dance with her knowledge of Physiotherapy - an invaluable combination in terms of her student's physical safety within class and performing.

Lorelle grew up in the Queensland country town of Gatton (which she loyally claims is the cultural centre of Queensland!)

She began learning bellydance with Susan Buntine in 1990, the same year as graduating from UQ with Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

Her physiotherapy profession took her to Hobart in early 1991 where she

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worked at Royal Hobart Hospital. In Hobart she found teacher Adriana to continue with dance class until 1993. Lorelle made her debut restaurant performance in 1993.

Like many Australians before her Lorelle caught the travel bug and headed overseas in 1994, and for two years was based in London which presented an ideal opportunity to study Raqs Sharqi with renowned dancers Suraya Hilal and Anne Ashcroft who had a profound effect on Lorelle's dance style.

In between physiotherapy stints in London Lorelle took off for all those faraway places we all dream about -



Egypt, Turkey, Morocco, Israel, Jordan, Greece, Spain and Portugal etc - and has an ongoing love affair with Turkey which she has revisited only recently.

Arriving back in Brisbane in 1996 Lorelle rejoined the Academy classes with Sharon Daley and Susan Buntine, and eventually in 1997 began class in the Brisbane suburb of St. Lucia.

Photography became a consuming interest and prompted Lorelle to study for her Diploma in Photography during 1997/98. If you see some of Lorelle's artistic photographic work with dance you'll understand when she mourns about having trouble finding the time to expand this interest.

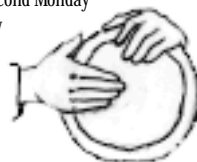
Her other interests include bush walking, reading, movies, crafty things like spinning, knitting, costume making, paper making etc.

Lorelle is currently working at Brisbane's Royal Women's Hospital, so how does she fit it all in?

Some of Lorelle's thoughts on Middle Eastern Dance: "You can never stop learning! You can never have too much music or too many costumes! You've got to love the music!"

Drum Class with Abdel El-Imam

Class held Jagera Centre, Musgrave Park, off Cordelia Street Sth. Brisbane every second Monday 5pm to 6pm. Please arrive by 4.45pm to enable a prompt start. Enquiries Susan Buntine 3391-5873 or Abdul 3256-6574 or Mobile 0413 500 640



Upcoming events - put this in your Diary!

August 15 - 6th Annual Araby Academy ME Dance Spectacular - contact Elenie Vlismas Smith 07-55395229

August 27* - BEMAC (Kangaroo Pt) Middle Eastern Music Evening 7.30pm Indoor Space, Yungaba 120 Main St Kangaroo Point. Featuring "Arabisque" band. Belly Dance by Yasmini, Tickets Adults \$10 (conc. \$8) Contact BEMAC 07-3914433

August 29 - 11th Annual AMED Extravaganza, Tivoli Theatre, Costin Street, Valley. Doors open 11.30am. Show time 12noon to 3 pm.

Sept 25-26 Terezka Workshop, O Block, QUT, Brisbane. Leaflet available. Contact Susan Buntine 07-33915873

Sept 26 - Evening Egyptian Dance Party (Live Band), BEMAC, Kangaroo Point. Performance by Terezka. All drummers and dancers welcome. *Pathedy Fashion Parade 7pm. Gates Open 6.30pm. Tickets \$15. Organizer Susan Buntine 33915873

December 1999 - Academy Xmas Party 1st Sunday December - location to be announced

January 2000 - "Raks Sharqi Summer School 2000" to be held at Lennox Head NSW. Contact Jenny Bates at Toowoomba. 46327189

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If you have any enquiries about this newsletter, please contact the teachers. Contact details for teachers are listed on the back page.

If you wish to contribute an interesting photo or small item it will be considered.



ACADEMY OF MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE - CLASSES :

BARDON (Sharon Daley)

Wednesday

10.00 - 11.15am (Beginners)

6.00 - 7.15pm (Beginners)

7.30 - 8.45 (Intermediate)

Paddington/Red Hill Community Centre 180 Jubilee Terrace, Bardon.

CAMP HILL (Lesley Jolly)

Tuesday

6.00 - 7.15pm (Intermediate)

7.30 - 8.45pm (Beginners)

Uniting Church Hall, 626 Old Cleveland Rd, Camp Hill.

CARSELDINE (Maria Masselos)

Monday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners)

7.45 - 9.00pm (Intermediate)

Church of the Resurrection (Anglican Church Hall)

Ridley Rd, Carseldine/Bridgeman Downs

NEW FARM (Sharon Daley) New**

Tuesday

7.30 - 8.45pm (Beginners)

Uniting Church Hall, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm.

SOUTH BRISBANE (Susan Buntine)

Monday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Mixed levels)

Jagera Arts Centre, Cordelia Street, South Brisbane.

*New! Children's class commencing October 4, 1999.

4.00-4.45pm (Phone Susan first please)

(Drumming - Abdel - starts 5pm every 2nd week. Ph Susan)

Tuesday

6.00-7.00 (Beginners (Phone Susan first))

STAFFORD (Maria Masselos)

Tuesday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners One)

7.45 - 9.00pm (Beginners Two)

St Clement's Church Hall, Eudunda & Reuben St, Stafford

ST LUCIA (Lorelle Hawes)

Tuesday

6.30 - 7.45pm (Intermediate)

8.00 - 9.15pm (Beginners)

Christ Church Hall, Cnr 9th & Central Ave, St Lucia

SUNNYBANK (Sharon Daley)

Monday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners)

Paloma Reception Centre, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank

WEST END/SOUTH BRISBANE (Susan Buntine)

Wednesday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners)

* New Beginners please phone first



For Professional performances for parties, Weddings, Conventions, and Promotions

Phone Bellydance Artists 33915873 or Bellydance by Shahara 33690832 (incl. Children's Parties)

Private tuition is available. There are classes all over Brisbane - for the group class nearest to you consult the list of locations and teachers - see list above

TEREZKA WORKSHOP



Booking leaflets and resume for Sydney teacher Terezka Drznik's weekend workshop (Sept 25-26) are currently available from your Academy teacher, or contact Susan Buntine 33915873.

Terezka is giving us a very varied program this year which includes Indian/Arabic and Zaar, Drum Solo, Traditional Khaleegy, Shaabi and Saidi.

There's something in this program for all interests, no matter what level of dance expertise you are.



Modelling a Pathedy creation - Hedy Keogh



The workshop will be held at "O" Block, QUT Campus, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane - the same venue recently used for the very successful Winter Warmup with Dr Mo Geddawai organized by Academy teacher Maria Masselos.

We have a new event added to Terezka's workshop weekend - an Egyptian Dance Party (Sept 26) at BEMAC where Terezka will perform to live music.

See "Events" for details and watch for leaflets.

PATHEDY FASHION PARADE

A feature of the Egyptian Dance evening BEMAC, Sunday evening Sept 26th is a parade of bellydance costumes - the unique creations of Pathedy Bellydance Fashions.

These are Australian designs, made in Ipswich, Queensland, by Hedy and Pat Keogh whose names combine in the Pathedy label.

Designs paraded on the night will be for sale. Pathedy also specialize in made to measure for those who have their own design in mind, and Pathedy guarantee quality.

Contact Pat and Hedy Keogh on the night, or phone 07-32817992.

Contact numbers for teachers: Susan Buntine 3391 5873, Maria Masselos Ph/Fax 3359 4680 (Mobile 0417 500747), Sharon Daley 3369 0832, Lorelle Hawes 3878 6878, Lesley Jolly 3899 2794.
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