

Bellydancer Extraordinaire

	<p>With over 4 decades of training and experience in Egyptian/ Lebanese Cabaret & Folkloric Dance, Nourhan Sharif is a leading American Artist of Middle Eastern dance and music~ Her skills are in demand around the world; She has taught and performed on every continent!! Dedicated to the art of Raks Sharqi and to formulating her own expressive style ♦ attributes exemplary of a fine educator and artist ♦ Ms. Sharif has carefully chosen a serious course of study in Egyptian, Lebanese, Greek, Turkish and Flamenco idioms with the most respected Egyptian teachers such as Raqia Hassan & currently Ahmed Hussien! Others with whom she has trained with include: Tayyar Akdeniz, Elena Lentini, Shadia Malouf, Mariano Parra, & currently Anahid Sofian!</p> <p>She has also taken workshops & sponsored many of the following Egyptian Born Artists: Mohamed El Hosseney, Denise Enan, Faten Salama, Lubna, Freiz, Tito Seif, Raqia Hassan, Mahmoud Reda, Sohair Zaki, Dina, Hassan Affifi, Aida Nour, Zaza Hassan, Ibrahim Akef, Nadia Hamdi , & 2 decades managing & dancing with Yousry (Ahmed) Sharif !!</p> <p>Lebanese Artists Ibrahim Farrah, & Hassan Harfouche. Nourhan has studied ballet, Modern Dance, Hustle, Tango & Cuban Salsa! Nourhan has had years of improvisational performance experience throughout the United States in cabarets as house dancer; theatre stages as guest artist; and as a featured dancer in workshop galas throughout the world. She recently sponsored Soroya of Cairo to America for the very first time !!</p>
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Performance highlights include Towne Hall (NYC); Rakassah (CA); Brown University (RI); ♦ Shake and Bake Festival♦ (NM); The Nadia Hamdi Theatre Show (Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC); ♦Arts-in-the-Park♦ Weekend Festival (dancer/producer, Providence, RI); Mendicino Dance Camp (with Tayyar Akdeniz, CA); Rhode Island School of Design (RI); Festivals in Stockholm-Sweden, Helsinki-Finland, Copenhagen-Denmark, Melbourne-Australia, Sharif♦s Annual Seminar Galas 1998- present (NYC). She has been the featured dancer with the renowned Aboudi Badawi Ensemble (Boston, MA) and has been engaged frequently to perform in concerts with singer George Chamoun (Zahlee, Lebanon). She was awarded ♦Cabaret Dancer of the Year♦ in 1998 and received the ♦Ethnic Dance Award♦ from New York♦s Attitude Magazine in 1999. Nourhan♦s dance style exemplifies great technique, focused energy, dynamic presence, and precise articulation. Within her more contemporary renditions, knowledge of the folklore and its various rhythms are always in evidence. Her years of immersion in Middle Eastern culture lend her dance an authentic depth that is immediately recognized by her enthusiastic audiences ♦ including students, peers, and Middle Easterners. Nourhan Sharif deftly combines Egyptian lyricism and Lebanese theatricality with personal expression that is all Nourhan!!

Egyptian Dance Trainer

Nourhan is devoted to teaching Middle Eastern dance as an art form~ as opposed to a form of exercise! Ms. Sharif is a popular teacher both for her technique and her personable way of communicating with students! Her class design is unusually comprehensive including: technique, musicality, cultural awareness, context, costuming, & stage presence. Knowledgeable and accessible, she is a leading instructor in New York City, where she prepares students to perform Mr. Sharif's choreographies. Nourhan has taught on nearly every continent and has performed globally to acclaimed audiences. She is a faculty member of the Arab Dance Seminar which presents annually and is the Executive Producer of the Sharif

Annual Weeklong which takes place in NYC every July for the last 12 years ! This July 2009 Nourhan features Mohamed El Hosseny & Karim Nagi for the first time ever in the USA !

Nourhan is frequently engaged as a workshop instructor nationally and internationally, but is currently focusing on her New York projects with regards to teaching. She is intent upon presenting Egyptian properly, as it should be conceived, taught, and performed. Considered the perfect expression of Her ex-husband Yousry Sharif's complex technique and eloquent style,..(He used to put the music on and she would dance giving him inspiration) she gives her dance students a solid foundation for growth in Middle Eastern dance technique which she has made her own dancing since a baby in diapers !</p> <p>
All Nourhan's endeavors are designed to further, and disseminate, the art of Middle Eastern dance. She believes that Middle Eastern dancers are most successful when they know the cultural foundation of the dance and its music: Audiences respond best to dancers who are aware of Middle Eastern culture, those who are well-versed in the folkloric genres that gave rise to the Oriental style. She strives to impart her knowledge of the culture and folklore to her students, knowing that this awareness gives the dancer longevity and makes him/her stand out! Thus, Dancers currently trained by Nourhan are the best Egyptian Dancers NYC has to offer ! Nourhan is busy writing a book, teaching on Skype, lecturing , designing Sharifwear & teaching in NYC at youshouldbedancing.net as well as in Queens at Astoria School of Fine Arts!</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>
</p> <p>Dance Wear Designer: Sharifwear

Nourhan's spirit of artistic responsibility, combined with inspiring and irrepressible confidence in her dancers' expression of beauty and originality, is also reflected in her bellydance clothing designs!! Her original Belly dancewear creations, SharifWear, are comfortable, practical, versatile, and uniquely feminine!! The line includes tops, pants, dresses, skirts & accessories which can be mixed and matched for Salsa, Tango, Jazz, Hustle, or Flamenco in addition to Middle Eastern & Fusion numbers! The high quality of fabrics, vibrant colors, & dazzling beadwork enhance the individual dancer and performance!! The original Bellydance Gear Made in the USA ! She is the first Bellydancer to make her own line of clothing and everything else is a copy ! Recently she has moved into private label bellydance clothing and working on Sharifwear Streetwear projects !

Even a Goddess Needs Clothes!
Dance clothes for Divas that can Dance!!</p> <p>Sizes XS-4X Bellydance Clothing for all ladies!</p> <p>Bellydance Clothing Proudly Made in the USA!!</p> <p>To see Nourhan Sharif designs, please visit Sharifwear</p> <p>As Producer..</p> <p>An acclaimed and experienced producer, Nourhan has sponsored numerous seminars/galas with master instructors in Boston, MA; Providence, RI; and New York City, which specifically include her creation of the annual Arts-in-the Park Festival, an ethnic and traditional waterfront dance festival in Providence, RI; La Danse Orientale Middle Eastern Dance Troupe (as Director) and The Annual Sharif Week-long Summer Festival Workshops & Gala Shows (as Executive Director, from 1998 to the present) which hosts dancers from around the globe!

In addition to sponsoring and producing numerous concerts with renowned Middle Eastern artists on an international scale, Nourhan continues to produce highly-acclaimed, intelligently-conceived, and artistically-constructed DVDs & CDs suitable for professionals, students, and dance aficionados. A partial list includes original compositions by Aboudi Badawi and Tony Chamoun; Yousry Sharif♦s & Nourhan Sharif♦s music collections, produced in Egypt; and video/DVD productions of Yousry Sharif♦s choreography & Nourhan♦s instructional works. Nourhan♦s video

◆Introduction to Belly Dance Technique◆ won the 2002 Giza Academy Award in the Instructional Category. Yousry Sharif◆s ◆Fifth Annual Oriental Dance Gala,◆ a video co-produced by Nourhan, received The Giza Academy of Music and Dance Legends Award in 2004.

Nourhan's CDs were recorded and produced in Egypt with the exception of Nourhan Sharif Raks Sharqi Volume 1 which Aboudi Badawi of Tripoli, Lebanon composed for Nourhan as a personal gift here in the states! Her Cds are not carbon-copies or remakes: she carefully selected composers and musicians to record original and new music from Egypt, whose production values they overseen and edited. The compilations are classic, contemporary works beyond compare to the majority of ordinary productions available on the current market. Recognizing the lack of great dance music, Yousry & Nourhan focused on this aspect of their multifaceted contributions, which frequently are accompanied with DVDs of their choreographies. Latest ventures for Nourhan include an instructional CD series on rhythm tools for the dancer with famed tabla-artist, Karim Nagi (volumes 3 & 4), Aboudi Badawi (Volume 2), & Ashraf Zakaria (Volume 1). She is currently managing Egyptian Born Superstar Mohamed El Hosseney's North American Events 2010 !</p> <p>Visit NourhanSharif.com for more about Nourhan Sharif!</p> <p>◆</p> <p>◆</p> <p>◆</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Egyptian Academy of Oriental Dance
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