

Dear Friends in the Dance,

I am thrilled to host Khadijah (of Denver) October 26 & 27, 2019 as we explore the African influences in Middle Eastern dance!

Relations between the African continent and the Arab world exist from time immemorial. They are deeply rooted in history, geography and culture. This unique relationship was reinforced by trade relations, migrations of peoples (both forced and voluntary), the spread of technologies and ideas, and the spread of Islam, to name but a few influences.

While having learned this fact of history from my own academic and dance studies, the pervasiveness and importance of African cultures and peoples in the contemporary Middle East became profoundly apparent to me during my time in the country of Oman.

I also became aware that, despite the historic and enduring exchange of peoples and cultures between Africa and the Middle East, the contributions of Africans and Afro-Arabs in the Middle East are erased from histories. This is timely and much needed subject for discussion and study – particularly for performers, practitioners and students of Middle Eastern dance.

Over this weekend, with guidance from our guest instructor Khadijah, we will more broadly explore those African influences in Middle Eastern dance through exploration of the Nubian and Khaliji dance styles. Khadijah is a unique, knowledgeable and engaging instructor with whom I know you will fall instantly in love with.

I am looking forward to sharing this one-of-a-kind experience with you in October!

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Khadijah will be **TEACHING**:

Saturday, October 26, 2019  
@ Global Dance Studios & Theatre  
Roswell, Georgia

10:00am - 12:00noon Nubian

12:15pm-1:00pm Lunch

1:15pm - 2:15pm - Khaleeji

2:30pm - Decompress & Q/A with Khadijah  
Location TBA

Khadijah will be **PERFORMING**:

Atlanta's Got Talent  
Hosted by World Bellydance Alliance  
& Atlanta Fusion Bellydance

Sunday, October 27, 2019  
@ Nicola's Lebanese Restaurant  
Atlanta, Georgia

#### Workshop Packages

These packages include ONLY the workshops, and reflect rates in effect up to September 15, 2019

Tickets for the show on October 27, 2019 are sold separately and will go on sale October 1, 2019.

Single Workshop (2 Hours)  
\$35

Full Day (2 Workshops / 4 Hours)  
\$75

\*\* These rates will increase after September 15, 2019

At The Door

These packages include ONLY the workshops and reflect rates in effect after September 15, 2019 and for walk-in registrations at the door on October 26, 2019.

Single Workshop (1 Workshop / 2 Hours)  
\$45

Full Day (2 Workshops / 4 Hours)  
\$85

\*\*All purchases are final and no refunds will be given unless the event is canceled or rescheduled.

### Dance Workshops with Khadijah

*While you may be familiar with these dances, you may not be familiar with the African influences in these styles. Our guest instructor Khadijah guide us in an exploration of those African influences in Middle Eastern dance through a reexamination of the Nubian and Khaliji dance styles.*

#### *Nubian*

Style of the Nubian people on the Egypt/Sudan border. Nubian people have darker skin than Egyptians, have their own language, own culture and traditions. Aswan is the most sunny place in Egypt. It is situated on the south of the country and in ancient times was borderline city. Life here is very slow. It's very pleasant to walk by foot along the Cornish or by boat down the Nile river, to seat in the small restaurant with a view of the water, to listen old Nubian music. Nubian dance is traditionally performed as a group dance. Colorful costumes, special unusual rhythm. People from Nubia are very cheerful and like to dance all together. On occasion of marriage hundreds of people come together and just dance.

#### *Khaleeji*

True culture and tradition: "Khaleeji" to refer to the style of dance, culture and music from the Persian Gulf or Arabian Gulf region, the "Khaleej," including Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. The dance is largely improvisational, performed by pairs or groups of women for their own entertainment at special celebrations, such as weddings. As this dance represents many countries of the Gulf region, Khadijah will instruct proper costuming, musicality, posture, history and background and much more!