



AHLAM ACADEMY OF MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE PROGRAM INTRODUCTION LETTER

Thank you so much for your interest in Ahlam Academy of Middle Eastern Dance (AAMED). Oriental dance is an ethnic dance art originating from North Africa and the Middle East, whose popularity is quickly spanning the globe. Recent evolutions in our dance are driving this dance form fast into the future, well beyond its beledi and folkloric roots. Something is being lost in these newer styles, the feminine beauty and *feel* that made us fall in love with the dance in the first place. True, dance will always evolve, but it is my desire to preserve the "feel" and "look" of authentic Egyptian belly dancing. Your interest in AAMED tells me you are like minded. You want to learn everything you can about Egyptian style and help preserve the unique beauty of this amazing ethnic dance art.

AAMED was created to provide you just that, a well rounded education in Egyptian Oriental dance. Our program will provide you all the knowledge and experience you need to enjoy this art to its fullest. You will learn everything that any Egyptian-style dancer SHOULD know, from folkloric, traditional, classical to modern styles, as well as an opportunity to study specialty or traditional regional dances from the Middle East region to supplement your Egyptian repertoire. Not only will you learn about different Egyptian styles, but the music, costuming, history, technique, finger cymbals, props, choreography, improvisation, and so much more.

Whether you are interested in just learning all you can about Oriental dance or you want to learn how to teach and share your passion with others, this program will help you accomplish your dance goals.

This program is not for someone without previous belly dance experience, nor for someone looking to certify quickly. Both the Student and Teacher programs are intense and require a lot of dedication to this art. **PASSION & COMMITMENT ARE REQUIRED** before you begin either of these programs. It is strongly recommended that you have at least **six** months of training in Egyptian or American Cabaret styles before enrolling in this program. If you come from a different belly dance tradition, like Turkish, Lebanese, Fusion, Tribal Fusion, ATS, ITS and you wish to move to Egyptian style, I would strongly suggest that you enroll in Ahlam Academy classes and learn the differences in style and execution within Egyptian Oriental dance movement.

Are you ready for complete emersion in Egyptian style?

Let's get started!

Anna



AHLAM ACADEMY OF MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE STUDENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Texting ok? _____

Email: _____

Previous Non-Belly Dance Experience:

If applicable, please describe styles, etc. If no previous dance experience, write N/A below:

Previous Belly Dance Experience:

If applicable, please describe styles, teachers, etc. If no previous experience, write N/A below:

Who are some of your favorite dancers: _____

How long have you taken classes at Ahlam Academy / Oriental Phoenix Arts? (years? months?) _____

Have you already participated in a belly dancing performance? _____

Read the statement below carefully and check the box:

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Sign: _____

Print: _____

Date: _____

Please complete this form and remit to Ahlam Academy / Oriental Phoenix Arts

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You will receive formal confirmation of this enrollment application within 10 days of receipt