

# Indiana Bellydance Collective (INBC) Newsletter #3

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**Indiana Bellydance Collective**  
**Your Go-To Guide for Enhancing Your Belly Dance Journey!**

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#### 1. Message from Our President, April

Hello fellow members!

Wow! How time flies. The new year's celebrations were just had and here we are, weeks into February. Before long we'll hear the birds chirping and see the first flowers of the season popping their blooms above ground. It also signals the Annual Bazaar is right around the corner and we're just weeks away from dancing together.

At the last meeting, the board talked about holding a silent auction, as we got a donation from the Eiteljorg Museum of 4 tickets and a book from their publisher. If you have something you would like to donate to the silent auction, please reach out to us via email or the day of the Bazaar.

March 1st will be here soon and I'm excited to see you, until then, stay warm, be safe, and keep shimmying.

Cheers,

April

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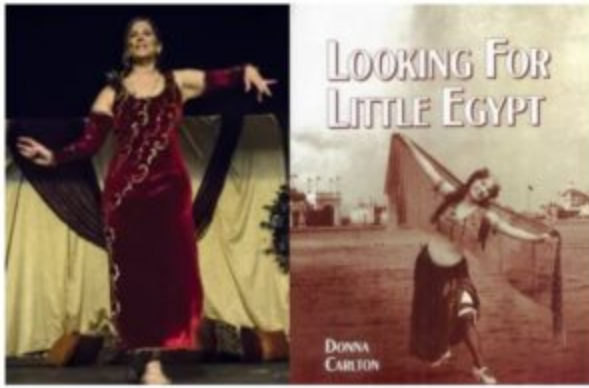
#### 2. INBC Meeting Minutes

We had our INBC Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2025. Please find the minutes [here](#).

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#### 3. Donna Carlton Interview

Join PR Officer Nisreen for an exclusive sit-down with one of Indiana's belly dance treasures, **Donna Carlton!**



Donna has a unique and rich history in belly dance—she’s an accomplished performer, veteran teacher, skilled musician, and published author. In this interview, Nisreen explores Donna’s first exposure to belly dance, her growth as a dancer, her teaching career, and her research behind the book *Looking for Little Egypt* (available here). She also shares insights on what it’s like to be both a dancer and a musician.

Check out the full interview transcript in the [Articles](#) section of our website or on our [Google Drive](#).

Exciting news—Donna will also be co-hosting a **music workshop** at the Bazaar alongside Andy! Find more details in the next section.

#### 4. Get Tickets for the INBC Annual Bazaar!

The **March 1st Bazaar** is fast approaching!

Don’t miss out on [pre-event discounts](#)—you can save **\$5–\$15** by purchasing your tickets in advance!

		Membership Level		
		Professional or Individual	Supporter	Non-Member
<b>All Day Pass</b>				
•	Through 1/31	\$35	\$50	\$55
•	2/1 – 2/28	\$50	\$65	\$70
•	At the door	\$65	\$80	\$85
<b>Workshop Pass</b>				
•	Through 1/31	\$20	\$35	\$40
•	2/1 – 2/28	\$30	\$45	\$50
•	At the door	\$40	\$55	\$60
<b>Gala Show Admission</b>				
•	Through 2/28	\$25	\$25	\$30
•	At the door	\$30	\$30	\$35

This year’s **workshop lineup** is especially unique. In addition to eight incredible dancers, we have three talented musicians (**Adam, Andy, and Donna**) who will offer valuable insights into **Middle Eastern music for dancers!**

Our headliner, **Istra**, will bring her extensive theatre background to help dancers explore the endless possibilities of **performing arts in belly dance!**

Time	Key's	Fundamentals Track (Forbes II)	Professional Track (Forbes I)	Main Track (Forbes II)	
8:30		Registration and Vendor Village (Forbes A) open			
9:30 - 10:30	Salsa Fusion Drum Solo (Ashley Donohue)	Outdoor Dance: Mystical and musical movements (The Green Heavly)	So You Have a Skill... (Tamera Dineen)	Expanding the Dabke: Creating unique stories for drum solos and rhythms (Adam Rhee)	
10:45 - 11:45	Clarified Fusion (Irina)	Crusty Bells: Pops, Bells & more (Cherney Teague)	Pain-Candles (Gemma)	Wish to Arabic Music for Belly Dancers (Amy Smith/Danna Carter)	
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch (at your own/flight's restaurant)				
12:45 - 1:45	Rumba Dance 1010: (Gemma)	Beginner Candles (Gemma)	Shape Your Stage: Stage making (Tiffany Foster)	Demystifying Music: What Belly Dancers Really Hear (Cherney Teague)	
2:00 - 3:30	Lights, Candles, Adorn! (Irina)				
3:45 - 5:15	Making the Puppets (Irina)				
5:15 - 6:00	Dinner (at your own/flight's restaurant)				
6:00 - 7:00	Doors open for gala show: Networking/socializing: Cash bar				
7:00 - 9:00	Sale Show!				

📍 = Noted seating

You can find more details on our [website](#). Secure your spot and [grab your tickets](#) now!

## 5. We Are Looking for Sponsors

It takes a village to bring an event like the **Annual Bazaar** to life, and **you** can be part of its success by becoming a sponsor!

### Corporate Sponsorship

Corporate sponsorship is a fantastic opportunity for businesses to gain visibility, reach a targeted audience, and even boost sales. Sponsors receive **recognition and exposure across multiple platforms**, with some sponsorship levels including free event tickets!

Read about corporate sponsorship opportunities [here](#).

### Individual Sponsorship

We also welcome contributions from individual members and supporters of belly dance! By becoming an individual sponsor, you help make **Indiana's largest single-day belly dance festival** possible. Sponsors receive **public recognition** (or can choose to remain anonymous), and some sponsorship levels include **free tickets!**

Read about individual sponsorship opportunities [here](#).

For questions or to make a donation, please contact [inbcisametd@gmail.com](mailto:inbcisametd@gmail.com).

We hope you've enjoyed this newsletter, and we can't wait to see you at the **Annual Bazaar!**

**Warm regards,**  
The INBC Board Members  
**Indiana Bellydance Collective**

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