

March 22, 2025 Newsletter

Indiana Bellydance Collective

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Message from Our President, April

Salutations fellow members!

It's been a few weeks since I saw many of you at the Annual Bazaar, and what a great day it was! Our new venue seemed to be a hit, it's good to have everything under one roof again.

A huge thanks to our volunteers who made the day flow smoothly. You are rock stars! Your efforts are appreciated greatly. Thank you!

Also our instructors deserve a special thanks. We had such an array of styles and topics to choose from, it was awesome! We got to learn from massive talents, as we got to see later that night at the Gala. Thank you for sharing your talents & skills with us.

Last Sunday the Board had our post-Bazaar debrief. We talked about the financials, results of the survey, and what we gleaned the day-of & after. We know there were a few things we need to discuss w the venue (food & lights) and a few things we need to do to make our events run even more smoothly. Overall, it was an easy day & even the hiccups weren't too drastic; learning moments.

There seemed to be some confusion about who was eligible to perform in the Gala & what tickets (if any) were required. We're reworking the wording, however, please reach out if you're confused, if there's conflicting information out there, or you have any questions. inbcisametd@gmail.com is the preferred contact method, all the board has access & don't hesitate to reach out to any of us individually if that's more comfortable.

Mirrors. Y'all, the venue was hotel conference rooms, other than the Quincy Room, which definitely had the mirrors. If you need mirrors, please provide your own. INBC doesn't own any & isn't looking to buy & store them at this time. With that said, I will inquire with the venue regarding if they have mirrors they could set-up for us; I can't promise anything.

Now we come to numbers. Yay! We sold **over 60 pre-sale tickets & more at the door**. We had sponsorships & a silent auction that helped raise funds. All in all we made a little **over \$1700 profit**. Not too shabby for an event headlined by a non-traditional instructor & in a new, costlier venue. The Bellydance community came out to support, dance, learn, and enjoy. Thank you!

Finally, thank you to the Board, every one of them worked hard to make this event happen. There were some butt-clinching moments of unknown, but we communicated & figured out a plan

forward. And a special shout out to **Luna (Nisreen)** for all the PR work she was doing during the Bazaar. She was snapping pics and posting away much of the day.

Thank you all for the great vibes, the amazing day, and a future of Bellydance fun with you all. Cheers!

April

Meeting Minutes

Catch up on the latest from our March 16th meeting. Click [here](#) to read the minutes!

Belly Dance Event Highlights: April & May

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Event: *Magic Carpet Ride 2025*

- **Location:** Burlington, Indiana
- **Details:** Join us at Burlington Park for an unforgettable dance seminar led by **Bonnie Dieter**, the creative force behind *Troupe Shalimar!*

Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13, 2025

Event: *Habibi Dancers 41st Annual Spring Workshop & Concert: Raks & Rhythm*

- **Location:** Lansing, Michigan
- **Details:** Celebrate our Annual Spring Seminar and Concert featuring **Mr. Özgen**, a renowned Turkish-style oriental dancer and instructor.

Saturday, May 24, 2025

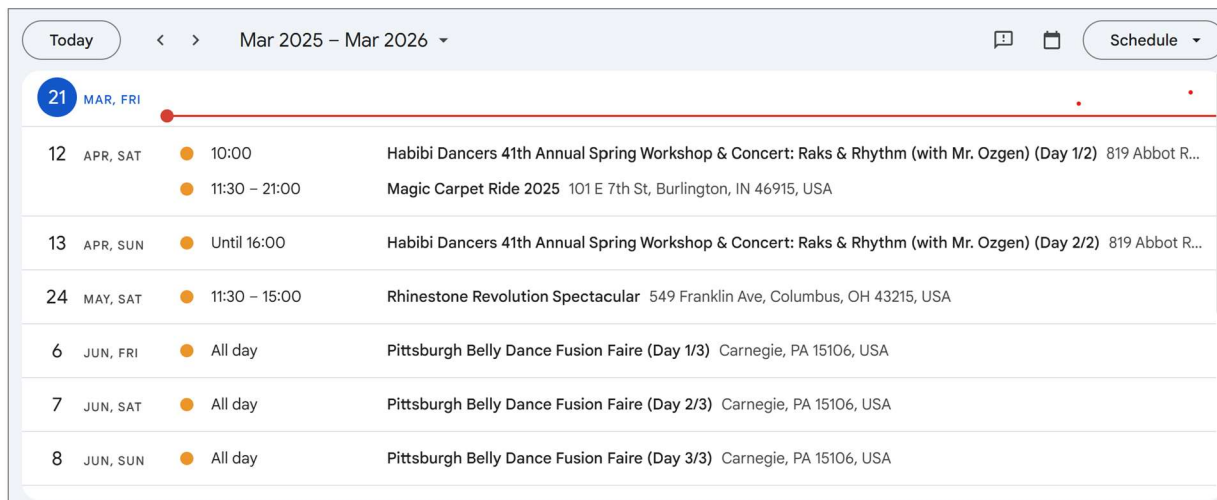
Event: *Rhinestone Revolution Spectacular*

- **Location:** Columbus, Ohio
- **Details:** *Egyptian Folklore Buffet* – Join us for an immersive **1.5-hour workshop** exploring Egyptian folkloric dance through the eyes of a native dancer.

Find full event details on the calendar at the bottom of our [website's homepage](#)

INBC Calendar of Area Events

Click on an event to see all the details. Click on the dropdown in the upper right hand corner to switch from Schedule view to Month or Week view. You can also see all these events on your personal Google calendar in real time without having to check the site! Just click on the "Add to Google Calendar" link in the lower left hand corner (or click the "+" in the lower right hand corner if you're viewing this from your phone).



The screenshot shows a calendar interface for the period from March 2025 to March 2026. The current view is for March 2025, with the 21st of March highlighted as 'Today'. A list of events is displayed below the calendar grid:

Date	Day	Time	Event Name	Location
12	APR, SAT	10:00	Habibi Dancers 41th Annual Spring Workshop & Concert: Raks & Rhythm (with Mr. Ozgen) (Day 1/2)	819 Abbot R...
		11:30 – 21:00	Magic Carpet Ride 2025	101 E 7th St, Burlington, IN 46915, USA
13	APR, SUN	Until 16:00	Habibi Dancers 41th Annual Spring Workshop & Concert: Raks & Rhythm (with Mr. Ozgen) (Day 2/2)	819 Abbot R...
24	MAY, SAT	11:30 – 15:00	Rhinestone Revolution Spectacular	549 Franklin Ave, Columbus, OH 43215, USA
6	JUN, FRI	All day	Pittsburgh Belly Dance Fusion Faire (Day 1/3)	Carnegie, PA 15106, USA
7	JUN, SAT	All day	Pittsburgh Belly Dance Fusion Faire (Day 2/3)	Carnegie, PA 15106, USA
8	JUN, SUN	All day	Pittsburgh Belly Dance Fusion Faire (Day 3/3)	Carnegie, PA 15106, USA

[Click here](#) to suggest a belly-dance or MENHAT-related event for inclusion in our Calendar of Area Events. Note that the calendar is only for special events such as shows, workshops, and haflas. Items like recurring group lessons will not be published here.

Celebrating the Memory of Turkish Belly Dancer Tanyeli

[Tragic news](#) has struck the world as **Tanyeli**, one of Turkey's most famous oriental dancers, has passed away after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She took her final bow on **March 17, 2025**, at the age of **54**.

Known for her elegant yet dynamic stage presence, fluid arm movements, and soulful expressions, Tanyeli left behind a lasting dance legacy. To honour her memory, let us share some of her most iconic performances from YouTube and celebrate the joy she brought to so many.

[Oryantal Tanyeli \(Star1 1992 Yılbaşı \)](#)

[Oryantal Tanyeli \(Star Tv 1993 \)](#)

[TURKISH DANCER "TANYELI" ON BBC](#)

[Oryantal Didem dancing with Tanyeli](#)

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter! Wishing you a joyful spring filled with music. **Stay safe and keep dancing!**

Warm regards,

INBC Board Members

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