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## INBC Member's Newsletter

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### Indiana Bellydance Collective

Your go-to guide for enhancing your belly dancing journey!

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### President April's Message

Greetings fellow members!

With the official start of Summer right around the corner and the storms of Spring becoming a distant memory, the event season is in full swing. If you haven't seen, we're looking for folks to perform for our slot at the Carmel Fest on July 3rd from 3-4, we still have room for a few more.

Thinking of Summer, Troupe Shalimar, the hosts of this year's Summer's End, are hard at work with their prepping and planning, and the difficult task of selecting & scheduling instructors and performers. Soon, tickets will be on sale (mid-July), which will be sold from our very own website. This will be a test to see what works and what doesn't.

That's not the only new thing happening with our website. We're really excited to announce that our own Andy and Laci have been working together to create the start of our Virtual Learning Center. This will be a members only page where you can access pre-recorded classes submitted by the membership, and where we can host Live Virtual workshops and classes. Forms are finalized for submissions. As a member, I can't wait to practice along with these classes!

Stay cool out there!

Cheers!

April

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**Welcome to the INBC Online Learning Centre!**

[Here](#) you will find belly dance instructional videos, available exclusively to our individual and professional members. These resources are made possible through the generous donation of **Laci**, who has shared her extensive knowledge and expertise as a professional dancer and teacher. **Andy** put the resources together on our website. The header image was painted by **Nisreen**.

Watch in any order you like, and as many times as you wish — unlimited access is included with your membership. We recommend viewing in full screen for the best experience.

INBC also occasionally offers live-streamed dance and music workshops, free for members.

Workshop instructors may provide a recording of their sessions, in which case the videos will be made available on this page.

INBC gratefully acknowledges the talented creators who have chosen to share their time and talents to further the art of dance and support the belly dance community. All videos on this page remain the property of their original creators, with all rights reserved. Videos may not be copied, downloaded, linked to, or shared without the express permission of the creator.

### **Would you like to be part of the Learning Centre?**

If you are an experienced dancer or musician and would like to give back to the community by contributing content, we would be delighted to receive your donation. Please complete the [online form](#) if you are interested.

## **INBC LEARNING CENTER**



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### **Meeting Minutes**

Catch up on the latest from our June 5th meeting. Click [here](#) to read the minutes!

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### **Event Highlights**

- ***CarmelFest (performance opportunity)***



INBC will be presenting a one-hour show on the **KidsZone** stage at **CarmelFest** on **July 3, from 3–4 PM EST**. The stage is located just south of Carmel, Indiana’s City Hall.

We’re putting together a joyful, family-friendly show highlighting a variety of belly dance styles, and we’d love to include educational and instructional components.

**If you're interested in this fun performance opportunity, please reply to this email at [inbcisametd@gmail.com](mailto:inbcisametd@gmail.com).**

We’re also looking for an **MC** and someone interested in **coordinating the event**. Additionally, we hope to host a **booth** and will be looking for volunteers to represent us!

More info on CarmelFest can be found here: <https://www.carmelfest.net/>

***Live Drum Solo Practice and Workshop with Adam Riviere (for drummers and dancers)***

**Time and Date:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM CDT

**Venue:** 4901 N. Elston, Chicago

Hosted by Phaedra Darwish

**Calling ALL Drummers and Dancers!**

**Drum Solo Workshop with Adam Riviere**

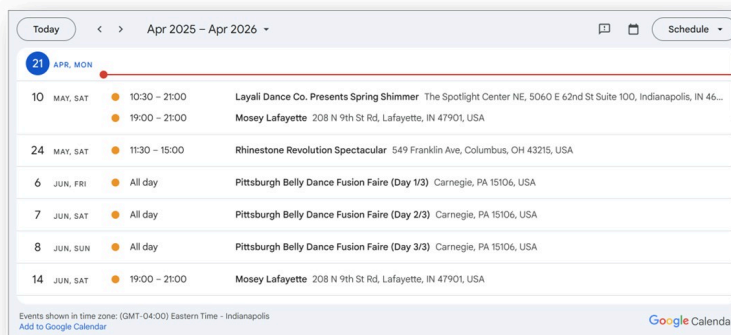
**Thurs, July 10  
7 to 9 PM  
4901 N. Elston  
Chicago  
\$45**

**Register at  
BellydanceByPhaedra.com**

**DANCERS** – Here’s your chance to practise performing to a live drum solo! Accompanied by seasoned percussionist Adam Riviere, you’ll gain insight into the structure (“recipe”) of a drum solo and learn what to listen for while performing. Each dancer gets equal time to solo with live accompaniment.

**DRUMMERS** – Learn what dancers need from a classic drum solo! Adam will cover essential rhythms, timing, and riffs that make both you and the dancer look great on stage.

Don't miss this interactive opportunity to build your performance skills with one of the best in the business!



Check out more upcoming events via the

[Calendar of Area Events](#) at the bottom of our website.

Want to suggest a belly dance or MENHAT-related event? [Click here](#) to submit it!

*Note: Only special events like shows, workshops, and haflas will be published. Recurring group classes are excluded.*

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## Nisreen Interviews Adam Riviere

PR Officer Nisreen continues her interview series spotlighting diverse members of the Indiana belly dance community. In her latest instalment, she sits down with professional drummer/band leader/educator/entrepreneur/sound healer Adam Riviere. Adam has been a long-time member and supporter of the community and many dancers know him through his performances, workshops, and event venue, Playground Productions.

Nisreen and Adam discuss some of the many facets of his musical journey including his decision to pursue music as a career, starting Playground Productions Studio, discovering Middle Eastern percussion, collaborating with dancers, co-founding Indy Raqs, his forays into sound healing, and his long-term career goals. You can read the full interview in the Articles section of our website [here](#).

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## Summer's End is Coming — Celebrate with Us!

[The Summer's End webpage is now live!](#)

An **FAQ section** is available on the event page to answer common questions. We'll continue to update the page with new details as they become available, so be sure to check back regularly!

Interested in being part of the show?

**Performer applications are open through 23 August.** We also warmly welcome **volunteers and vendors** — applications for all roles will be posted on the event webpage once available.

*-INBC's 2025 Summer's End-*

**Date: Saturday September 20, 2025**

**Time: 8:30am – 9pm (eastern)**

**Location: Rhine Hall Event Venue**  
507 N Union St  
Kokomo, Indiana 46901

[Learn more about the venue](#)

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We hope you enjoyed this newsletter!

Wishing you a vibrant summer full of sparkle and plenty of shimmy.

Stay safe, keep dancing, and we'll see you soon!

**Warm regards,**  
*INBC Board Members*

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**Indiana Bellydance Collective**

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