

## 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

Good midsummer fellow members!

This summer has been a DOOZY! I hope y'all have been staying cool on these hot hot days. Even my kitties have been happy to stay inside.

As summer progresses I see a LOT of belly dance opportunities on the calendar, it's a belly dancers paradise this year. So much to do, participate with, and take in. Even this fall looks full as can be with dancing options. Not only can you head out to dance around the state & beyond, but our Learning Center (members only) is now available for you to shake and shimmy at home. If you're a member and haven't had a chance to check out the [Learning Center](#) on the website, please take a moment to see what's already uploaded. More will be coming. If you're a member and want to help this grow this member resource, please reach out to us.

And don't forget to get your Summer's End tickets, on sale on the website. Troupe Shalimar has a lot of great workshops for us. We hope to see you there!

Cheers!

April

INBC Board President

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#### New Addition to the INBC Online Learning Center

We're excited to announce a new addition to the INBC Online Learning Center! Athena Howe and Adam Riviere have graciously donated the recording of their recent online drum solo workshop, Improv Raqs. This engaging video features over two hours of top-notch instruction from two of the most respected and knowledgeable performers in the Midwest.

Improv Raqs, along with Samira's complete Introduction to Belly Dance course, is now available to all Individual and Professional members in the [Learning Center](#).



*“Improv Raqs” is now available  
at the INBC Learning Centre!*

Adam Riviere

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## INBC LEARNING CENTER



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## Meeting Minutes

Catch up on the latest from our August 7th meeting. Click [here](#) to read the minutes!

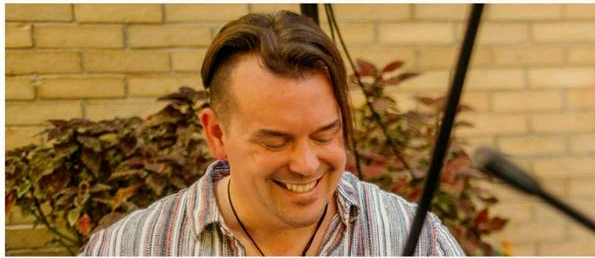
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### Event Highlights

- **Introduction to Middle Eastern Percussion Workshop**
- **Date:** Saturday, August 23, 2025
- **Time:** 1:00–3:00 PM CST
- **Venue:** Ritual Rhythms Studio, 6970 N. Sheridan Rd, Suite D, Chicago, IL 60626
- **Description:**  
A drum does more than keep the beat—it brings music to life! Join us for an immersive workshop where you'll learn how to make your drum *sing* with clear, resonant tones. We'll explore the dynamic role of percussion in Middle Eastern music, covering popular rhythms used in ensembles and for accompanying dancers.

Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your technique, this hands-on session will deepen your connection with rhythm and movement.

- **Details:** <https://adamriviere.com/workshops>



*Introduction to Middle Eastern Percussion Workshop*



*with Adam Riviere*

*August 23rd,  
1-3pm CST*

*Join Adam Riviere at Ritual Rhythms in Chicago for an Introduction  
to Middle Eastern Percussion Workshop!*

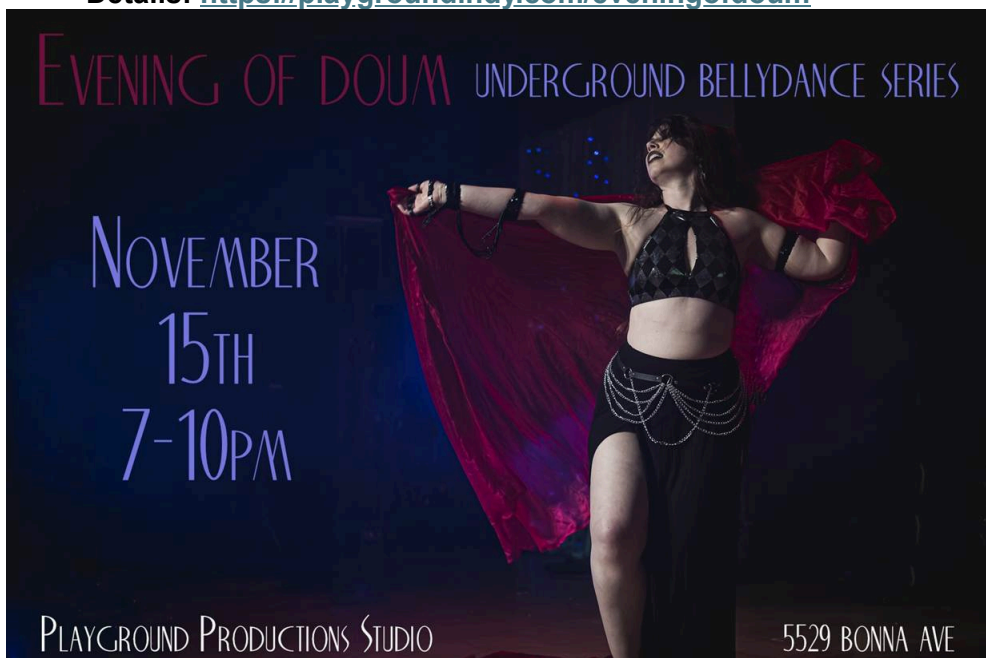
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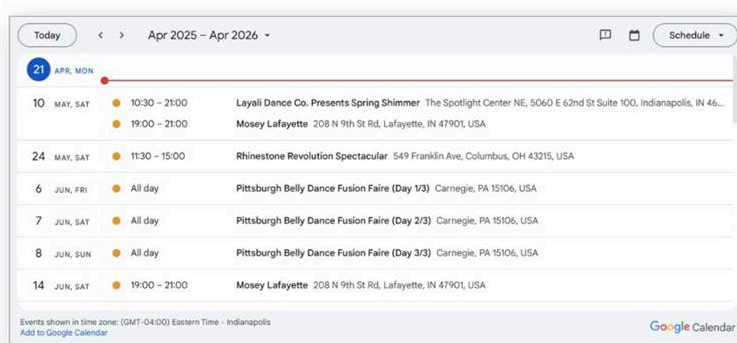
- **Carmel International Arts Festival**
- **Date:** September 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> (to be finalized)
- **Time:** (to be finalized)
- **Venue:** Arts and Design District, Main St. and Rangeline Rd., Carmel, IN
- **Description:** INBC will have a one-hour performance slot to showcase our talented members. If you're interested in performing, please reach out to [inbcisametd@gmail.com](mailto:inbcisametd@gmail.com) (must be a member or perspective member to perform).
- **Details:** <https://carmelartsfestival.org/>
- **Indy Pagan Pride Day**
- **Date:** October 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Time:** 10am – 5pm

- **Venue:** Garfield Park –[2432 Conservatory Dr Indianapolis, IN, US 46203](#)
- **Description:** We are looking for volunteers and performers! If you're interested, please reach out to [inbcisametd@gmail.com](mailto:inbcisametd@gmail.com) (must be an INBC member to perform).
- **Details:** [Pagan Pride Day: The Magician's Path | Facebook](#)
- **Monster Bash**
- **Date:** October 25th
- **Time:** 11am - 5pm
  - **Venue:** Playground Productions, 5529 Bonna Ave, Ste 10, Indianapolis
  - **Description:** Playground Productions presents its annual Monster Bash Halloween celebration! INBC is looking for performers! If you're interested, please reach out to [inbcisametd@gmail.com](mailto:inbcisametd@gmail.com) (must be an INBC member to perform)
  - **Details:** <https://playgroundindy.com/monsterbash>



- **Evening of Doum, Underground Bellydance Series**
- **Time and Date:** November 15th, 7-10pm
- **Venue:** Playground Productions, 5529 Bonna Ave, Ste 10, Indianapolis
- **Description:** An Evening of Doum brings a unique event to Historic Irvington that celebrates belly dance and all of the various forms: Cabaret, Fusion, Oriental, Theatrical, Experimental, Traditional, and more! This year's event will include belly dance workshops during the day. INBC members are eligible for discount pricing!
- **Details:** <https://playgroundindy.com/eveningofdoum>





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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### **INBC is Getting a New Web Address!**

Our webmaster, Andy Smith, has published a helpful article about our upcoming domain name change. Read it here: [New Domain Name Coming](#).

INBC is transitioning to a new, easier-to-remember web address: [inbcdance.org](http://inbcdance.org)

This change is expected to go live around October 1, 2025, shortly after Summer's End. Our current domain, [isametd.com](http://isametd.com), will continue to function and redirect to the new site for 1–2 years. This will ensure a smooth transition for all users.

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### **Facebook Update**

Starting September 1, 2025, we'll be streamlining our Facebook presence.

**We will discontinue updates to our private group:**

 [INBC Members Only Group](#)

**Instead, please follow and engage with us on our public page:**

 [Indiana Bellydance Collective – Public Page](#)

Focusing our communication in one place will help us reach more of you with timely news, events, and community highlights. Thank you for making this shift with us!

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### **Summer's End Tickets are Available Now!**

Summer's End tickets are now on sale — and our vendor and performer applications are live. The deadline for the applications is **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**!

-Visit our website for all the latest updates:  
<https://www.isametd.com/events/2025summersend/>

-Purchase your tickets early to take advantage of discounted pricing.

-For the first time, tickets will be sold directly through our website — no more Eventbrite fees! That means significant savings for all attendees. Purchase tickets here: <https://www.isametd.com/tickets/>



*-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 edition of our newsletter!

Wishing you a joyful end of summer, filled with music and sunshine. **Stay safe, keep dancing, and we'll see you soon!**

Warm regards,

**The INBC Board Members**

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**Indiana Bellydance Collective**

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