
INBC Member's Newsletter- Election Announcement

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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!

Now that the Annual Bazaar is over, the tallies have been made, and the comments have been gathered, we can call it another resounding success. We made many connections, and had a long, wonderful day. The instructors brought their best, the vendors had more wares than most of us could look through, and the performers were absolutely amazing. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful day full of movement and sharing.

Now that we're fully into spring and 2026, you know what time it is, ELECTIONS!!! That's right, it's time to think about running for an officer position, or nominating someone else for a position you think they were made for.

We currently have 2 officers who are stepping away to focus on other life opportunities and 1 position that still needs filled; Secretary, Treasurer, & Event Coordinator. While 4 of us are re-running, any member in good standing (up to date on membership dues) is welcome to run for any officer position. Don't let the fact that some of us are re-running stop you from putting in a nomination for that role.

You can nominate yourself or another (they have to accept) for any officer position. Please read over the [Officers Descriptions](#) then fill out the nomination form for yourself or whomever you'd like to see fill an officer position. [Nomination Form](#).

The nomination form will be open until 11:59pm Friday April 17th. The nominations will be confirmed and bios sent to the membership on April 20th. Voting will close by 11:59pm Wednesday May 13th with results announced on May 15th.

Open positions:

Secretary
Treasurer
Event Coordinator

Here are the officers who are re-running:

President - April Denney

Vice President - Laci "Samira" Watson

Public Relations - Mutsumi "Nisreen" Takahata

Webmaster - Andy Smith (currently Web Master & Events Coordinator)

We currently meet virtually every other month with discussions happening over email between meetings. We're pretty chill, promote self-care, and growth of self & the organization. Feel free to ask any current board member how they feel about being a part of this board if you have questions or concerns.

I have loved working with the INBC boards. I've had the honor to be a part. Everyone is so supportive, communicative, and active, I couldn't ask for a better bunch of people to work with and look forward to doing more of it, so long as the membership wants me to reprise the position.

Cheers!

April



The Indiana Bellydance Collective is a group of belly dance performers, musicians, students, and teachers in Indiana and surrounding areas. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation that supports the bellydance community by:

- Organizing events featuring workshops and performance opportunities for bellydancers and musicians
- Partnering with local event organizers to provide marketing and logistical support
- Engaging in community outreach advancing and promoting the art of bellydance
- Providing online resources for dancers and the community at large



Membership is open to anyone, and we welcome enthusiasts of all styles of belly dance and associated music!



Find more details on our website:



Meeting Minutes

Catch up on the latest from our December 10th meeting. Click [here](#) to read the minutes!

Event Highlights

- *Next Week!* Partnership Event: Dark Fusion Retreat – Ascension

Like Persephone rising from the Underworld, we're emerging into spring with the **first-ever in-person Ascension Dark Fusion Festival**. Celebrate the halfway point to Halloween and the freedom of bold self-expression.


ASCENSION
APRIL 10-12
2026
 DARK FUSION FESTIVAL & RETREAT
 FEATURING WORKSHOPS BY
AMY SIGIL | DAEWEN | AMI AMORÉ
 PLUS SOCIAL EVENTS, INTIMATE SHOW, & COMMUNITY LODGING
 JORDAN'S WAREHOUSE:
 1426 NORTH BROADWAY
 ST. LOUIS, MO, 63102
 STYGIAN DANCE
 REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://STYGIAN.DANCE/ASCENSION](https://stygian.dance/ascension)



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APRIL 10-12
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4pm: Check In	9-11am: Dance Class	9-11am:
5pm: Dinner	with Amy Sigil	METAL CHVRCH
7-9pm: Cathartic	11am-1pm: Lunch	with Ami Amoré
Dance Release	2-5pm: GENERATING and	11am-1pm: Lunch
with Daewen	Embracing Your YES	1-4pm: Movement
	with Amy Sigil	for the SPIRIT
	5-6pm: Community Dinner	with Amy Sigil
	7-8pm: Mini Photo Sessions	4-5pm:
	8:30pm-?: Showcase & Soirée	Closing Circle


stygian.dance/ascension

This debut **Festival + Retreat weekend** is packed with dance, creativity, and connection—bringing together authentic dancers who push boundaries while building a supportive

community.

-Location:

1426 N Broadway, St. Louis, MO

Indy Raqs will be performing a one-hour set of belly dance favorites and other songs from Southwest Asia/North Africa

-Location: Main Branch of the Carmel Clay Public Library (425 E. Main St., Carmel, IN).

The concert is from **3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 12** and is **COMPLETELY FREE!**

Visit the library website for complete details: <https://www.carmelclaylibrary.org/event/15883979>.



- Allure Dance & Fitness Brings Spring Shimmer to Indianapolis

(<https://www.facebook.com/alluredancefitness>)

Allure Dance & Fitness is bringing Spring Shimmer to Indianapolis on Saturday, May 16, 2026, and INBC members receive a generous discount!

Event: Spring Shimmer 2026

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026

Headliner: Ashorina, Co-founder of Safire Belly Dancers

Location: The Sol Center | 708 E Michigan St | Indianapolis, IN 46202

Time: Workshops start at 10:30 AM | Show starts at 7:30 PM

INBC Member Discount: \$15 off any pass

For more details, check out Andy's article:

<https://inbcdance.org/.../19/spring-shimmer-member-discount/>



-Carmel Fest

INBC will be presenting a one-hour show on the "KldsZone" stage at CarmelFest on **July 3 1:00-2:00 PM**. The stage is located just south of the Carmel, Indiana City Hall. We would like to put together a joyful, family-friendly show highlighting a variety of bellydance styles and including educational and instructional components.

We hope to host a booth at the event as well. If you are interested in volunteering, please do let us know (inbcisametd@gmail.com)

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

-Nebula Nights 2026: Silvia Salamanca & Adam Riviere

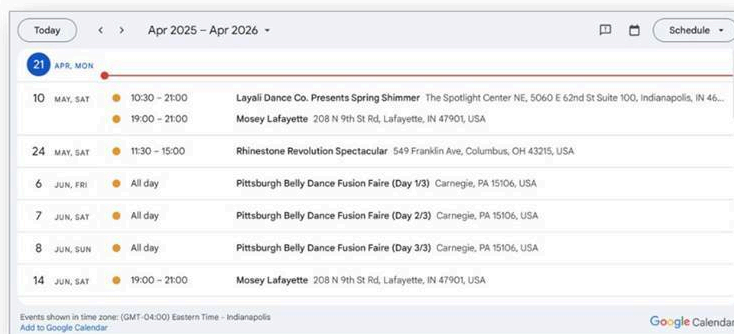
-Date & Time Fri, Aug 14, 5:30 PM – Sat, Aug 15, 10:00 PM EST

-Description Two days of workshops with the incredible Silvia Salamanca and Adam Riviere, plus a hafla and showcase, await you on August 14th and 15th!

-Location Oshtemo Grange Hall 3234 N 3rd Street Kalamazoo, MI 49009
[More details](#)



-Be sure to check out [Andy's article](#) about this event on our website!
- **INBC Members:** Access your exclusive discount codes here:
<https://inbcdance.org/members-only-discount-codes/>

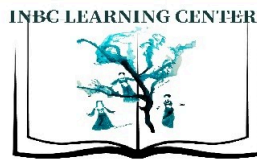


Check out more upcoming events via the [Calendar of Area Events](#) at the bottom of our website.

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.

Learning Center Additions – Phaedra Darwish and Others



Phaedra Darwish was kind enough to travel all the way from Chicago to teach her choreography to Enta el Hob at our 2026 Annual Bazaar, held on 28 February. She has now generously provided us with a video tutorial for the same choreography.

The video is high-quality, recorded in her studio, and very easy to follow along with. This content is now available to Individual and Professional Members in our Learning Center. Please note that you must log in as a member to access the page.

Read more in Andy's article:

<https://inbcdance.org/.../learning-center-additions.../>

About Phaedra:

Phaedra Darwish was the headliner for our 2023 Summer's End belly dance event held in Evansville, Indiana. She has been performing and teaching workshops and classes in Chicago and throughout the US for many years. She is also involved in producing and participating in cultural events, community fundraisers, and dance festivals as both a musician and dancer.

Through active engagement, maintaining a high standard of execution, and participating in quality programming, Phaedra hopes to spread enthusiasm and respect for Middle Eastern dance as more people become acquainted with its health benefits and enchanted by its beauty.

Visit Phaedra online at bellydancebyphaedra.com

INBC Media Survey

PR Nisreen has created a survey on media platforms and promotions to identify the most effective ways to reach INBC members and the public.

It would mean the world to us if you could take a few minutes to fill it out—it will only take 2–3 minutes!

<https://forms.gle/i9S1ZavmfxXQRsnX8>

We've recently been working on enriching our content on [YouTube](#)- adding more Shorts. Please like and subscribe, and stay tuned for more content!

We hope you enjoyed this edition of our newsletter!

Wishing you a happy spring full of shimmies and blossoming!

Warm regards,

The INBC Board Members

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