Outlook

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 shimmiers,
Summer is fully upon us, the days are long and hot, the evenings full of fireflies and activities. Hopefully everyone is okay after all the storms a few weeks ago, we were out of power for almost a whole day, and I've seen pictures of the destruction down south.

A search for this year's Summer's End venue is underway in the Bloomington area. Donna & Laci have a list and are tackling it as I type this. Expect more information to come as things get settled. I can't wait to be back down in Southern Indiana dancing again.

Speaking of venues, we're also on the search for a venue for the 2027 Bazaar. We're not going back to Wyndham at this time. There was a lot of good there, but we're sure there's other places that might suit us better. In fact, we're talking about a lot of shake-ups with next year's Bazaar. Basically the same great day full of belly dance, shopping, and connecting with friends, just in a different venue, with a different name.

Well this heat has my head sweating and my brain distracted, so I'll leave it here. We'll be sharing more as it comes in, including ways for you to participate in the renaming and venue search.

Cheers!
April

President

Meeting Minutes

Catch up on the latest from our July 22nd meeting. Click here to read the minutes!

Event Highlights

-Carmel Fest *Cancelled*

INBC's performance on the KidsZone Stage at CarmelFest on 3 July, from 1:00–2:00 pm has been cancelled due to advisory on the heatwave- stay safe everyone!



-Music Around the Mediterranean!

New free program featuring dancing, and singing, with Phaedra Darwish in Chicago.



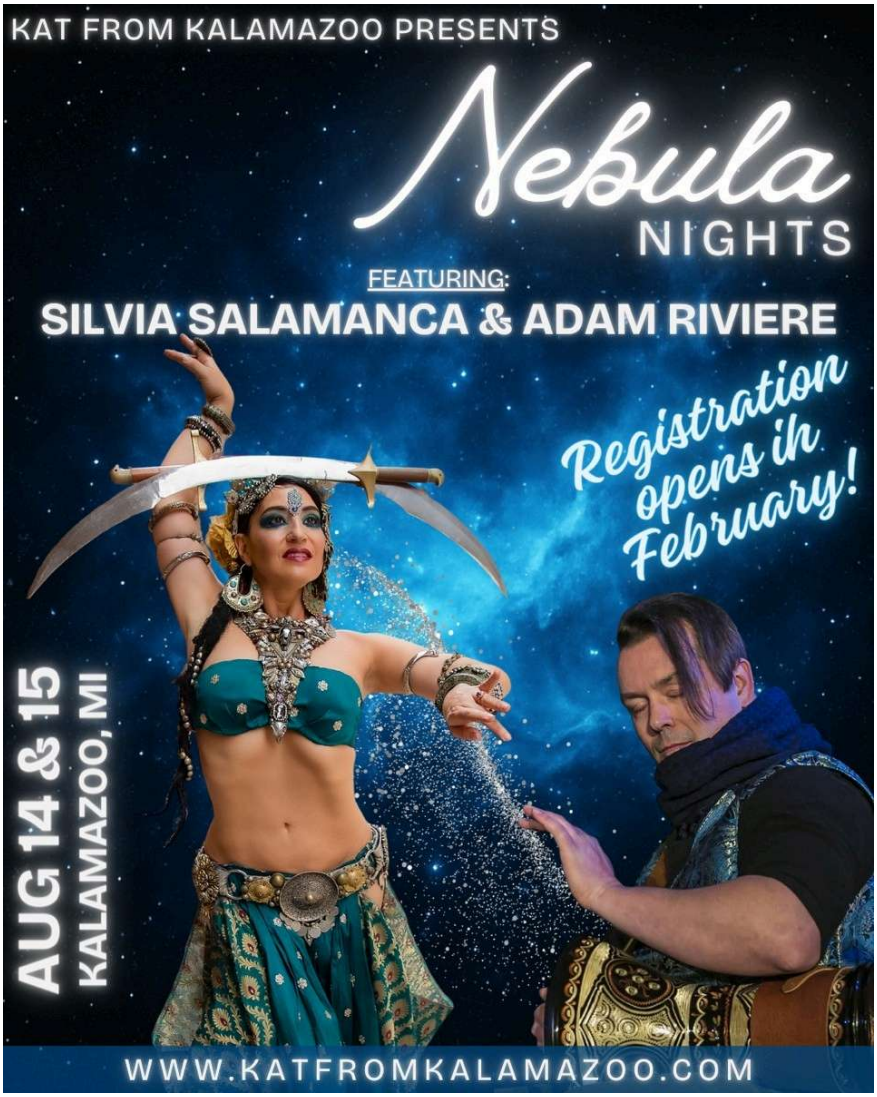
More details: [Music Around the Mediterranean]

-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!

-Description Oshtemo Grange Hall3234 N 3rd StreetKalamazoo, MI 49009
More details



Celebration of Dance 2026 – Crafting the American Cabaret Experience starring Samira (Laci)

Presented by **Zerdali Dance Company**

Date & Time: Saturday, September 12, 2026 • 9:30 AM

Location: Ritz Midtown • 2201 Broadway St, Paducah, KY 42001



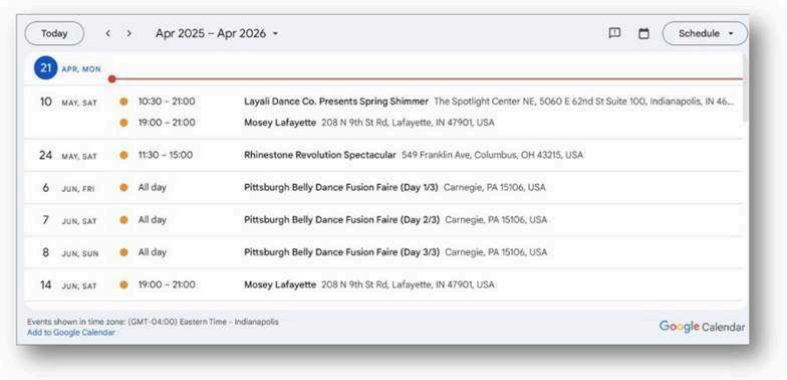
Description

Travel back to the lively nightclubs of the 1960s and 1970s, where American Cabaret bellydance flourished amid the rise of feminism and multiculturalism. In this workshop, Samira will guide you through crafting a full-length, fully improvised performance structured around classic musical rhythms.

You'll begin with a lively entrance designed to captivate the audience, transition into a mesmerizing veil section, flow into an expressive floorwork sequence, and finish with a high-energy drum solo finale.

This hands-on class explores the art of improvisation while celebrating the bold, feminine spirit of this iconic dance era.

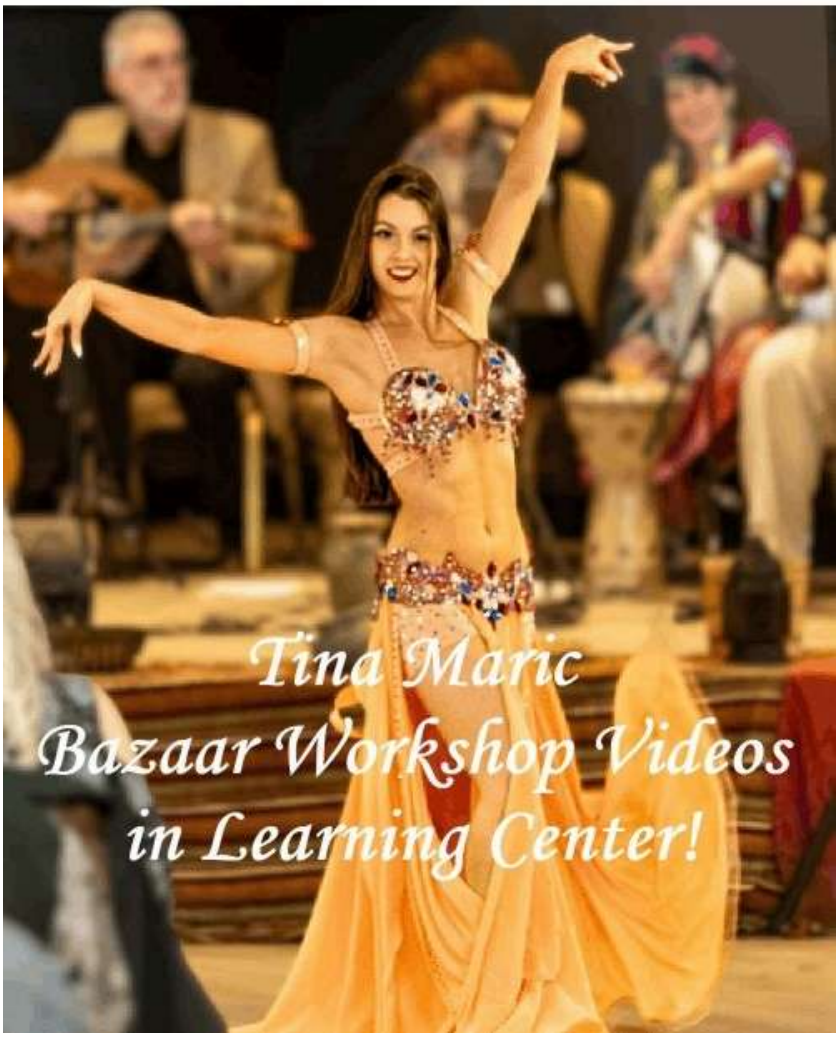
-Be sure to check out Andy's article *about this event on our website!*
- **INBC Members:** Access your exclusive discount codes here: https://inbcdance.org/members-only-discount-codes/



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.

New Learning Center Content from Tina Maric



Tina Maric Bazaar Workshop Videos in the Learning Center!

Tina Maric has generously donated videos of her teaching both a Mejance choreography and a Shaabi workshop at the INBC 2026 Bazaar for our members to enjoy.

The Mejance choreography is a vibrant piece designed to showcase a dancer's range and is suited for a variety of occasions, including competitions and parties.

This content is now available in our Learning Center for Individual and Professional Members. Please note that you must be logged in as a member to access the page.

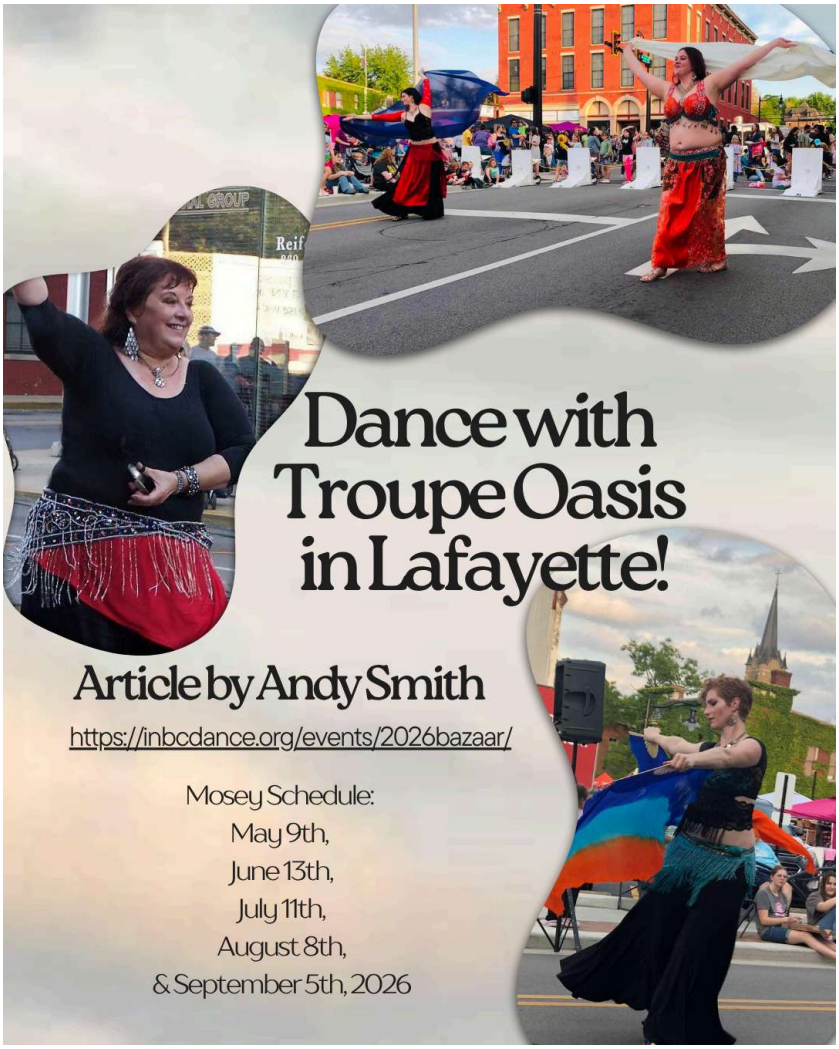
Read Andy's article for more details:
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Follow Tina Maric on Instagram:

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Live Music Performance Opportunity

Mosey Down Main Street is a street festival held on selected Saturdays each summer in downtown Lafayette. The festival features food trucks, vendors, and performers. Troupe Oasis' belly dance show has been a fixture at these events for many years!



Indianapolis-based Middle Eastern/SWANA-style band Indy Raqs will be at the **July 11 Mosey** providing live music for dancing! If you're looking for a low-pressure opportunity to try dancing to live music, this is it! Contact Deborah Kull in advance to request your favorite song.

You're more than welcome to perform to the recorded music or simply enjoy the festival as an audience member, too! The remaining Moseys are **July 11, August 8, and September 5.**

Check out Andy's article for more details:
Dance with Troupe Oasis in Lafayette! - Indiana Bellydance Collective

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Online Event Highlight: Learn About the Awalim

In this class series, Nisaa (Heather D. Ward)—a Middle Eastern dance instructor, performer, and researcher based in St. Louis, Missouri, USA—offers an in-depth exploration of Egypt's awalim. Topics include their history, their relationship to other classes of professional entertainers, the defining features of their dancing (including acrobatic feats and balancing acts), and much more.

Nisaa's goal with this series is to dispel misconceptions about the awalim that continue to circulate, particularly on the international workshop and festival circuit.

Target Audience: Intermediate to advanced/professional Middle Eastern dance students.



Please find additional details and registration information at the following link: SPECIAL TOPICS

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 vibrant summer full of shimmies and a splash of joy!

Warm regards,

The INBC Board Members

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