



# Behind the Veil

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## WORKSHOP WITH TEREZKA



*Newzeland visitor Jindi - this costume featured a cute derriere feature - you had to be at the Greek Club performance to know what we mean.*

Sydney performer and teacher Terezka Drznik is returning to Brisbane September 25-26 to conduct a weekend workshop.

Terezka's career in Oriental Dance spans 20 years. In that time she has performed regularly overseas and locally, taught both weekly group class, and given private instruction to some of Australia's finest dancers who are now pursuing their own directions in the dance.

Terezka is Principal and founder of The School of Danse Orientale - one of Australia's longest running schools devoted to Oriental Dance and Middle Eastern culture.

Terezka's September workshop ( 25th/26th ) will be held at O Block, Qut Campus, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane. Workshop session topics, a widely varied program, include Indian/Arabic and Zaar, Drum Solo, Traditional Khaleegy, Shaabi & Saidi.

Terezka's resume, workshop details, and booking forms are available from your Academy teacher or contact organiser Susan Buntine 33915873.

Terezka will perform to live music Sunday evening at a special "Egyptian Dance Party" to live music at BEMAC . Gates open 6.30pm. There will be a program of dance performance and music. Opening this event is a bellydance fashion parade by Pathedy Bellydance Fashions at 7pm. There will be stalls selling bellydance items, and food will be available.

We suggest you bring cushions, rugs, or tarpaulins to sit on and picnic on the riverside lawns of historic "Yungaba" and hope you will enjoy dancing with the musicians to end the evening.



## Harem Gossip

If you were one of the Elvis fans at Southbank 11th November you would have spotted Oasis Dreams Intermediate level winner Janna Cox accompanying an Elvis impersonator as an illustration to an old Elvis hit - "Little Egypt".

Want to know more about the real Little Egypt - log on to the web site <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/IDD/littleeg.htm> - for more information on this most famous bellydancer who featured at the Chicago Fair 1896.

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Julie Norton, secretary to well known Brisbane businessman Jim Kennedy, sent in an item which appeared in the English Sunday People Magazine 25/7/99. It recounts the feat of a relative of Julie's, English bellydancer Eileen Foucher, who bellydanced her way into the Guinness Book of records in 1984 with a record breaking effort of five days and four nights - 106 hours in total and raising 3,000 pounds Stg for Bliss a charity to provide life support machines for babies.



The real "Little Egypt" who shocked the public with her "Hoochie-Coochie" dance at the Chicago Fair 1896.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AT AMED AND ARABY SPECTACULARS

Now Queensland's premier two bellydance spectaculars (Brisbane's AMED and Gold Coast's Araby Academy) are behind us - it's a good time to congratulate everyone on the splendid performances and organization, and give ourselves a well deserved pat on the back.

But don't you just miss the fever of learning choreographies and burning the midnight oil on costume design and making! Well, it was all worthwhile and the audience was treated to two great shows, superbly costumed and choreographed and performed. Zhaaargareeet!

The Brisbane AMED Show filled the Tivoli Theatre and \$1200 leftover after expenses has been donated to the Prince Charles Hospital Foundation to be directed towards the Children's research. Prince Charles Hospital treats as many as 800 children per year for serious chest and heart ailments.

Our thanks go to all our stage managers, music and lighting directors, video crew, caterers, and various helpers - all the backbone of making good shows.

It's pleasing to see we are slowly building representation of Middle Eastern musicians in our shows with the appearance of Abdel El-Imam as a soloist at the Gold Coast show, and with new Arabic band "Arabisque" in the



Sarah Bakker at a Woodford Festival - a star in the making.

Brisbane Show, as well as a large North Coast contingent - the Nomadic Soul Drummers accompanied by dancers.

Ten year old Sarah Bakker, daughter of former AMED teacher Maree Bakker, made an appearance fresh from the boards at the Lyric Theatre's production of Les Miserables to sing "You Light Up My Life" - with enviable confidence. For those of us who have seen Sarah as our youngest bellydancer, we viewed yet another facet of this talented youngster.

Again - Congratulations to all! We hope to see you at next year's shows, whether it be either as a performer or part of our enthusiastic audience.

### Azziza's Bellydance Supplies

Maria Masselos, one of the Academy directors, markets a good range of all types of Bellydance goods including:



- ❁ Beaded fringing
- ❁ Costumes
- ❁ Videos
- ❁ Music (Tape and CD)
- ❁ Jewellery
- ❁ Patterns

Ring Maria for details - Ph/Fax 07-3359 4680 Mobile 0417-500747



## Profiling Shahara ☆

Brisbane born dancer Sharon Daley (Princess Shahara) credits her early experiences travelling throughout the world as the catalyst for her career in both bellydancing and antiques . Sharon says she was a restless teenager, taking off to tour Australia for a year, before marrying at 18 years of age and travelling to Canada with her husband. From there they went on to England and Europe and adventurously travelled on a miniscule budget . They visited India, Katmandu, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Indonesia and south east Asia subsequently returning to Australia. During these travels Sharon acquired knowledge of antiques and art works,



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which she utilized to earn a living after her daughter Bianca was born and the marriage broke down. Sharon's antiques business "Secondhand Rose" was a landmark in the Toowong area for ten years.

"Travel educated me - it was an irreplaceable life experience. I learned things that can never be gained in formal education."

A passionate collector of anything with camels on it, Sharon's home is decorated with items from paintings to carvings to leather depicting the "ships of the desert."

Sharon made many return trips to Africa, and the Middle East ( Egypt,

Morocco, Tunisia etc) along the way coming to appreciate Middle Eastern art, music and dance.

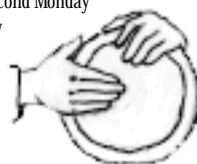
Sharon began studying Middle Eastern Dance with Susan Buntine in 1990. Sharon joined the Academy's main performing troupe in 1991, and started teaching her own classes in 1991.

Sarah-Jane Schramm, and current Oasis dancers Alesa Layana, Eva Kovacs, and Karen Herber are all past pupils of Shahara.

Sharon further studied with master teachers in Perth, and Sydney, and at Brisbane's Annual Winter Warm-Up. Shahara has performed at Bellydance Festivals around Australia, and a variety of venues around Brisbane including 5-star hotels, and restaurants, and is much sought after for private parties. Children's parties are one of her specialities - with just that little touch of fantasy.

### Drum Class with Abdel El-Imam

Class held Jagera Centre, Musgrave Park, off Cordelia Street Sth. Brisbane every second Monday 5pm to 6pm. Please arrive by 4.45pm to enable a prompt start. Enquiries Susan Buntine 3391-5873 or Abdul 3256-6574 or Mobile 0413 500 640



## Upcoming events - put this in your Diary!

Sept 25-26 Terezka Workshop, O Block, QUT, Brisbane. Leaflet available. Contact Susan Buntine 07-339 15873

Sept 26 - Evening Egyptian Dance Party (Live Band), BEMAC, Kangaroo Point. Performance by Terezka. All drummers and dancers welcome. \*Pathedy Fashion Parade 7pm. Gates Open 6.30pm. Tickets \$15. Organizer Susan Buntine 33915873

Nov 28 - (Sunday) AMED Xmas Party Banquet at "Caravanserai" 12noon-4pm. Bookings via your teacher

Dec 5 - Buy/Swap/Sell - contact Maria Masselos 33594680

The Academy of Middle Eastern Dance presents

## "An Egyptian Dance Party"



Venue: BEMAC - "Yungaba" 120 Main St. Kangaroo Point

Date: 26th Sept '99

Terezka will be performing with live musicians All musicians and dancers welcome! Delicious Food...Stalls....

\*PATHEDY Fashion Parade 7pm

Gates open 6.30pm

TICKETS Adult \$15 Con\$10 Child (under 6) \$5  
Contact Susan 33915873 or Sarah 38318768

## Behind the Veil

Behind the Veil is a newsletter produced by the Academy of Middle Eastern Dance on behalf of the teachers and students.

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If you have any enquiries about this newsletter, please contact the teachers. Contact details for teachers are listed on the back page.

If you wish to contribute an interesting photo or small item it will be considered.





**ACADEMY OF MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE - CLASSES :**

**BARDON (Sharon Daley)**

Wednesday

10.00 - 11.15am (Beginners)

6.00 - 7.15pm (Beginners)

7.30 - 8.45 (Intermediate)

Paddington/Red Hill Community Centre 180 Jubilee Terrace, Bardon.

**CAMP HILL (Lesley Jolly)**

Tuesday

6.00 - 7.15pm (Intermediate)

7.30 - 8.45pm (Beginners)

Uniting Church Hall, 626 Old Cleveland Rd, Camp Hill.

**CARSELDINE (Maria Masselos)**

Monday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners)

7.45 - 9.00pm (Intermediate)

Church of the Resurrection (Anglican Church Hall)

Ridley Rd, Carseldine/Bridgeman Downs

**NEW FARM (Sharon Daley) New\*\***

Tuesday

7.30 - 8.45pm (Beginners)

Uniting Church Hall, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm.

**SOUTH BRISBANE (Susan Buntine)**

Monday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Mixed levels)

Jagera Arts Centre, Cordelia Street, South Brisbane.

\*New! Children's class commencing October 4 (Phone Susan first please)

(Drumming -Abdel- starts 5pm every 2nd week. Ph Susan)

Tuesday

6.00-7.00 (Beginners (Phone Susan first))

**STAFFORD (Maria Masselos)**

Tuesday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners One)

7.45 - 9.00pm (Beginners Two)

St Clement's Church Hall, Eudunda & Reuben St, Stafford

**ST LUCIA (Lorelle Hawes)**

Tuesday

6.30 - 7.45pm (Intermediate)

8.00 - 9.15pm (Beginners)

Christ Church Hall, Cnr 9th & Central Ave, St Lucia

**SUNNYBANK (Sharon Daley)**

Monday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners)

Paloma Reception Centre, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank

**WEST END/SOUTH BRISBANE (Susan Buntine)**

Wednesday

6.15 - 7.30pm (Beginners)

\* New Beginners please phone first

7.45 - 9.00pm (Intermediate)

St Andrews Anglican Church Hall 160 Vulture St

**WINDSOR (Maria Masselos)**

Saturday

12.15 - 1.30pm (Beginners)

Windsor School of Arts, Lutwyche Rd, Windsor



Well known Perth (WA) dancer, Belyssa - "a shimmer and a glimmer, layered swirls..." pictured here at a Sydney Festival. Belyssa is mother of Australia's only professional male bellydancer Gintaras. Those lucky enough to be at the Sydney Festival this year saw some brilliant performances by by this mother/son team. See more of them on their WA home page at <http://come.to/dance.at.ubar>

**Bellydancing...**

*A shimmer and a glimmer  
Layered swirls, undulating twirls,  
Body responsive sensual change  
Practice glamour's illusion range.*

*Sharp lifts and drops  
Slowing turns, scarves stops:  
Flowing movements sought  
Unmasked emotions caught.*

*Costumes, veils, flittery sequin  
Free confident women within,  
Through this Middle Eastern  
Ancient dance tradition.*

*(J. Collier, Pittsworth: April 1999)*

*(This poem submitted by Lorele Hawes - Thanks Lorelle.)*



**CHILDREN'S CLASSES WITH PRINCESS YASMINI**

Having received a number of enquiries for Middle Eastern Dance class for children, Princess Yasmini (Susan Buntine) is pleased to announce that new classes suitable for both boys and girls will commence 4th October at Jagera Arts Centre, 121 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane from 4 to 4.45pm (Mondays).

Yasmini is an Educational Psychologist and University Trained Dance Teacher, and a mother of two young sons.

Enrolling your children in bellydance classes is a fun way of improving their co-ordination, fitness, flexibility, literacy skills, bone density (reducing risk of later osteoporosis), and strength.

In Middle Eastern Dance size and shape do not matter. Many parents discover their child's size and body shape does not suit some other forms of dance.

Children enjoy the creativity and self expression of Middle Eastern Dance and this helps boosts their confidence and self esteem, building towards a well rounded personality.

Children are able to decide their own level of participation in Middle Eastern Dance - some just like to learn and mingle with others in a fun class, and there are those who wish to go further by performing at specially chosen events.

Class term is 8 weeks and the cost is \$50 per term.

To book your child's place in this new class phone Susan 33915873.



For Professional performances for parties, Weddings, Conventions, and Promotions

Phone Bellydance Artists 33915873 or Bellydance by Shahara 33690832 (incl Children's Parties)

Private tuition is available. There are classes all over Brisbane - for the group class nearest to you consult the list of locations and teachers - see list above

Contact numbers for teachers : Susan Buntine 3391 5873, Maria Masselos Ph/Fax 3359 4680 (Mobile 0417 500747) , Sharon Daley 3369 0832, Lorelle Hawes 3878 6878, Lesley Jolly 3899 2794. Gold Coast enquiries Araby Belly Dance Academy : Elenie Vismas-Smith 07 55395229 or Rosannah Fairweather 07 55744198.

