

Jewel of Yorkshire

13th, 14th & 15th October 2017

Our Shows

Friday ~ we will be opening the JoY stage for a Student Showcase. Come and have a go, or simply come and watch. Price for all is £6. Audience tickets will be on sale on the door on the day, but performance places need to be booked in advance (subject to availability). Priority for performance places will be given to students who book workshop(s) and those who have not performed in previous shows. Email or write for more information.

Saturday ~ we have our fabulous Festival Show with performances from our teachers, a chance to bop in the disco, shop and mingle with friends. Tickets £17 (pre-booking essential, tickets not sold on the door)

Our venue and accommodation

Saltaire is a World Heritage Site – a model Victorian village built by wool baron Sir Titus Salt for his workers. Victoria Hall was built to provide reading rooms, a library, lecture halls and a gymnasium. A list of hotels is sent with the confirmation letter. If you want this information in advance email or look on our website.

Early Bird offer

On the schedule two prices are shown for each workshop – book and pay for your workshops **by 1st July 2017** and pay the lower amount, however much or little you book.

Cancellations

No one wants to think it will happen, but it can. We will always try to resell places for you. Our full cancellation policy is given on the confirmation letter – if you want this information in advance please email or look on our website.

Our Teachers

Serap Su (Turkey) ~ was born in Istanbul and started to perform folkloric dance in 1980 before finding belly dancing in the 1990's. She took lessons with famous stars Nesrin Topkapi and Sema Yildiz and others. Serap performs all over Turkey and in Istanbul's famous Kervansaray restaurant. Her audience calls her "Queen of Turkish Bellydance".

She has appeared at festivals all over the world and has an impressive reputation as teacher, performer and choreographer. Serap's style covers classic Egyptian and Turkish, Turkish folk and Roman dance styles. She is also co-organizer of the Rakkas Istanbul Festival. This is her first visit to the UK.

Serkan Tutar (Turkey/Belgium) ~ is an international award winning belly dancer and teacher. He was winner of the Male Bellydancer of the World 2008. Serkan is a passionate dancer with an excellent worldwide reputation for his great performances and clear teaching style. He makes a very welcome return to JoY. www.serkan.be

Maria Aya (Malema) (Greece) ~ is a renowned teacher of oriental and folkloric oriental dance and judge for international competitions. Maria has studied for many years with famous respected teachers in Cairo and elsewhere. She has been invited to teach in many countries in Europe and beyond. Her style as teacher and choreographer is earthy, traditional, theatrical while keeping a connection with the modern world and the west. She is co-organizer of MOSAIC Oriental Athens Festival. This is her first visit to the UK.

Dud Muurmand (Denmark) ~ is a dance pioneer and loves all things tribal, theatrical and dark fusion inspired by the old burlesque theater style. Her dance uses visual effects, strong emotional interpretations and very often a tale from the shadow side of life. For more info: www.dudmuurmand.dk

Anne Kingston ~ is known for her relaxed approach and specialises in Egyptian dance at regular classes in the North West and popular workshops. Anne also organises relaxing desert holidays called Desert Dance and other holidays in different parts of Morocco. www.annekingston.com

Asif Qu ~ has been playing and teaching Middle Eastern and West African percussion for several years. He has taught at major dance festivals in the UK and is a member of The Nomads.

Candi ~ is known nationwide for her considerable performance skills and knowledge of the Egyptian Dance, a JoY favourite and back one more time. www.rakscandi2.com

Carmen Duende (Spain/UK) ~ was born and raised in Spain and is an award winning dancer with a passion for both bellydance and flamenco. Carmen hopes to bring a little bit of Spain to every dancer out there. www.carmenduende.com

Caroline (Belgium) ~ discovered the joy of dancing in 2011. After dedicating herself to raqs sharqi, she answered the call of different ethnic dances. Her style is grounded, spontaneous, genuine and passionate.

Chris Ogden ~ has been teaching in Yorkshire and Lancashire for 17 years using her own NorthWind Tribal style. She is known for devising fun, accessible, choreographies in a variety of styles. www.northwindtribal.co.uk

Clair ~ is a popular and renowned performer and teacher of Egyptian dance styles based in Peterborough. She has been dedicated to this art form for over 15 years and is also co-organiser of Shisha Lounge bellydance showcases.

Diana Mehira ~ has been dancing for many years with a strong style which is ever evolving. Diana has been teaching workshops in the UK and Turkey. She is known to be a warm, fun and enabling instructor, getting the best out of her students.

Helena ~ is an award winning professional performer and teacher of Egyptian dance based in Leeds where she is resident dancer at the Spice Quarter. Helena is also director of the award-winning Orientale Dance Company. www.helenabellydancer.com

Kay Taylor ~ based in the North East, Kay runs Farida Dance and Farida Adventures travelling regularly to Egypt to keep an eye on the latest trends. Her classes are always fun and enriching. www.faridadance.com

Nawarra (Morocco/UK) ~ is Casablanca-born, and now based in Leeds, she has taken her Moroccan energy to many UK and international festivals becoming justly famous for her energy and fun style. In addition, she has a flourishing travel agency taking dancers from all over the world to her beloved Morocco.

Raheesha (USA/UK) ~ American-born dancer now living in Somerset. She has taught at many bellydance festivals in the UK and her dance career has taken her further afield, featuring in videos by Ketī Sharif and teaching in Turkey, Egypt and the USA. Raheesha also runs the Majma festival. www.raheesha.co.uk

Rita Williamson ~ is self-employed as a Bridal wear dressmaker, and so it was a short step to altering costumes for other dancers and an even shorter step to making costumes of her own.

Tracey Gibbs ~ has been involved with the dance since the 1980's studying with many international teachers. Tracey performs and teaches in Manchester as well as workshops throughout the UK and running TOC belly dance agency. www.tasteofcairo.com