



MAY-JUNE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Bellydance Academy Gold Coast's May-June newsletter. We hope this newsletter finds you all well, and that you are enjoying a welldeserved, relaxing winter holiday.

Our classes have gone really well the last couple of months, especially with the regular veil workshops enhancing the girls' individual expressions of their divinity and the Goddess within.

I am especially excited that our Moonlight at the Oasis VII plans are progressing, full steam ahead. All students are excited by the beautiful and esoteric storyline, "Quest for the Goddess". Save the date for Sunday, 4th November at the Helensvale Cultural Centre.

All information is in the event page: Moonlight at the Oasis VII.

In Light & Love, Shira xx



Photo taken at Mother's Day Mania 2018, Helensvale

Top: Stars of the Sahara (Alexandra, Evelina and Amy) at the Mother's Day Psychic and Holistic Fair

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Above: Our stunning peacockcoloured fan veils by The Silk Bazaar have arrived; our routine for this dance is now complete.

FEATURED DANCER -JOI BURGOYNE

Joi feels fortunate to be born on the island of Cebu in the central Philippines, where dance is a way of life. As a child, and later as a young teacher, she performed every year in the Sinulog Fiesta, where she danced through the streets and at the sports stadium. When Joi came to Australia, she missed dancing, so joined a local Philippine cultural group. She became the choreographer and principal dancer after a few short years.

Four years ago, Joi began lessons with the Sheherazade Belly Dance Academy Gold Coast. She loves belly dancing, and has developed her own beautiful style. Joi's favourite dances include sword and wing choreographies. She occasionally makes public performances with the Stars of the Sahara troupe. Joi feels the techniques learnt through belly dance classes at the Academy have enhanced her Philippine cultural dance skills, especially when performing dances from the Southern Philippines.

Joi is always beaming with her vibrant energy and beautiful smile, making everyone feel appreciated.



Photo: Shira performing at a birthday at Mantra Legends Surfers Paradise, 5th of May.



VEIL WORKSHOPS

With the success of our veil workshops, there is now a high demand for ongoing coaching, which will be occurring on a regular basis. The girls have enjoyed our workshops this year, starting with Behind the Veil in March, and continuing with Learn to Dance with a Veil in June. This extra instruction has greatly improved confidence, technique and performance skills.



2018 SHIMMY MOB

This year, some of our girls have continued to participate in the annual Shimmy Mob event, receiving the above certificate of appreciation. Shimmy Mob is a worldwide flash mob where belly dancers unite on the same day, dancing to the same song and wearing the event's official T-shirt. The aim of Shimmy Mob is to promote belly dance as an art form,

and raise awareness and funds for victims of domestic violence.



Our flyer for the Moonlight at the Oasis VII end of year concert.

INDIAN EMPIRE

Belly dance shows are back at the Indian Empire in Runaway Bay, on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00pm. We would love to see you there. Bookings essential on: 5529 0305

Belly Dance Time Table 2018

TERM 3 CLASSES start 16th JULY

GOLD COAST

MONDAY

Robina Community Centre Intermediate - 7:15 pm Advanced/ Troupe - 8:15 pm

TUESDAY

Robina Community Centre Beginners/ Beyond - 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Southport Community Centre Beginners/ Beyond - 6:30 pm Intermediate - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Helensvale Library & Cultural Centre Beginners/ Beyond/ Basic Intermediate 5:30 pm 10 week term \$150 - Casual \$20

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