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*The Austin Belly Dance Convention (ABDC):
Central Texas' Premier Middle Eastern Dance Event*

Amara Dances presents the Austin Belly Dance Convention (ABDC) June 24-26, 2016 at Holiday Inn Midtown, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752.

Featuring international dance stars [Sharon Kihara](#) and [Sa'diyya](#), and Master percussionist [Ozzy!](#) Guest stars include [Amara](#), [America Tru](#), [Anaheed](#), [Bahaia](#), [Cyndi Cyreigna Elliott](#), [Djahari Clark](#), [Draconis](#), [Elsanne Barrows](#), [Hannah Romanowsky](#), [Hannah and Rosanna Setu](#), [Jamie Lynn](#), [Lebanese Simon](#), [Lily](#), [Mahin](#), [Michelle Sorensen](#), [Stacey Lizette](#), [Tamra Henna](#), and [Zymirrah!](#)

Workshops and lectures are Friday 1:00-6:00pm, Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm, and Sunday 8:30am-3:00pm. Workshops pricing varies from \$40-\$80.

Friday and Saturday evening gala shows at 7:00pm are \$20. The ABDC Showcases and entry to all vendors Saturday (1:00-5:00pm) and Sunday afternoon (1:00-3:00pm) are free. Two Live Music Shows feature [Badrawn](#) (Sat. night) and [Atlas Maior](#) (Sat. afternoon).

Entry to vendors during convention hours.

Film showing, Cecilia and Chad Rinn of Full Tilt Boogie presents "BELLY... Sensual...Scarred...Sacred - The Documentary," on Friday at 10:00pm is free.

Tickets for shows, workshops, and film are available on the ABDC website:
<http://www.theabdc.com/>.

The ABDC's continues in a twenty year tradition of bringing together dancers, musicians, vendors, and audiences from all over the world to Austin in order to celebrate the art of Middle Eastern dance. The ABDC's over 30 workshops and presentations offer a wide variety of topics and styles that will satisfy any novice and professional's interest in dance, music, and health.

Enjoy two spectacular evening performances include, Friday evening's "Keep Austin Shimmying" Gala and Saturday evening's "Austin Raqs" Gala, featuring world renowned performers, as well as Austin's own internationally known dancers and musicians. Stay Friday evening and enjoy a visually stunning film taking an intimate peek into the personal lives of several belly-dancers. Do not miss the free entry into shopping and performances during the ABDC Showcase on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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The ABDC hosts a number of local and traveling vendors that supply everything from music to handmade jewelry to imported professional costumes made in Egypt and Turkey.

A weekend of spectacular performances, instruction, and unique vendors from the international and Texas belly dance community. A wide variety of topics and styles will satisfy any novice and professional's interest in dance, music, and costuming. Come sparkle and dance with us ya'll!

The Austin Belly Dance Convention is *supported in part by the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Austin Economic Development Department and Texas Folklife.*

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