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

The Austin Belly Dance Convention (ABDC) June 23-25, 2017 at Holiday Inn Midtown, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752.

Featuring international dance stars [Donna Mejia](#), [Ruby Beh](#), and Master percussionist [Ozzy](#)! Guest Artists: [Amara](#), [Anna](#), [Bahaia](#), [Cyndi](#), [Dalida](#), [Jamie Lynn](#), [Karma Karmelita](#), [Katayoun](#), [Lily](#), [Magdalena Fusaro](#), [Michelle Sorensen](#), [Nadira Jamal](#), [Stacey Lizette](#), [Totem](#), and [Winter Star](#).

Workshops and lectures are Friday 1:00-5:30pm, Saturday 9:00am-5:30pm, and Sunday 9:00am-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 (12:30-5:00pm) 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.

Big Brother Big Sister: Sister to Sister workshops.

Tickets for shows and workshops 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 Shimmering" Gala and Saturday evening's "Austin Raqs" Gala, featuring world renowned performers, as well as Austin's own internationally known dancers and musicians. Do not miss the free entry into shopping and performances during the ABDC Showcase on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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

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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 y'all!

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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