

Amara Dances (amara@theabdc.com)
(512) 694-3679
www.theABDC.com
Photographs and videos available on request

FOR IMMEDIATE USE
April 9, 2015

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

Amara Dances presents the Austin Belly Dance Convention (ABDC), May 29-31, 2015 at Holiday Inn Midtown, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752.

Featuring international stars Zahra Zuhair (CA) and April Rose (TX) and guests artists Amara (TX & Sydney), Anaheed (CA), Aslahan (MA), Bahaia (TX), Charlie Lockwood (TX), Draconis (TX), Jenza (CA), Joharah (Ontario), Lauren Checchio (TX), Michelle Sorensen (UT), Samir (TX), Stacey Lizette (TX), Z-Helene (TX), and Zymirrah (TX).

Workshops are Friday 1:00-5:30pm, Saturday 8:30am-5:30pm, and Sunday 8:30am-3:00pm. Workshops pricing varies from \$25-\$80.

Friday and Saturday evening gala shows at 7:00pm are \$15. The ABDC Showcases Saturday (1:30-5:30pm) 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. Free entry Friday 12:00-5:00pm, Saturday 1:00pm-5:00pm, and Sunday 1:00am-3:00pm.

Film showing, Jenza presents "Historical Belly Dance Costume Fashion Show," on Friday at 9:30pm is free.

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

The ABDC's new owners, Amara and Tatianna, continue in the over ten 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 28 workshops and presentations offer a wide variety of topics and styles that will satisfy any novice and professional's interest in dance, music, and costuming.

Enjoy two spectacular evening performances include, Friday evening's "Keep Austin Shimming" Gala and Saturday evening's "Austin Raqs" Gala, featuring world renowned performers, as well as Austin's own internationally known dancers. Stay Friday evening and enjoy a visually stunning film on the history Belly Dance costumes. Do not miss the free entry into shopping and performances during the ABDC Showcase on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

--MORE--

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!

###