

## Jasmin Jahal

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Professional Middle Eastern Dancer, Model, Fitness Trainer, Bodybuilding Competitor

Expert in Classical oriental, interpretative and folkloric styles of Middle Eastern dance

Performance Experience:

- Concert Soloist and Nightclub performer throughout North America, Central America, Europe and Middle East, Sep 1978 to present
- Appeared on Television, Radio and Film in the U.S. and Europe, Sep 1993 to present
- Nightclub performer and Cruise Ship entertainment in the U.S., Europe and Middle East, 1985 to 2003

Artistic Director and Choreographer:

- Jasmin Jahal Dance Company, Jan 2005 to present
- Ward el Sahara (Flowers of the Desert) Dance Company, 1999 - 2002
- Desert Moon Middle Eastern Dance Company of Chicago, 1987 - 1998

Dance Studio Owner:

- Oasis Studio for Dance & Fitness, Jan 2017-present
- Jasmin Jahal School of Dance, Chicago, Illinois, March 2001-February 2014
- Jasmin Jahal Center for International Dance, Des Plaines, Illinois, Sep 94 - Sep 96

Published Author/Writer:

- Belly Dance Chronicles, columnist for the "School of Hard Raks", online international dance publication, Jan 2012 - present
- Producer and writer for "Jasmin's Jareeda", an online newsletter for oriental dance, Feb 2004 – Feb 2014
- Editor and writer for "Audrena's Newsletter" produced by Audrena's International Bazaar, Illinois, May 98 - Dec 02

- Published articles in various dance magazines, such as Caravan Magazine, as well as for the internet magazine Bhuz.com

Guest Artist for Workshops, Lectures and Demonstrations, Nov 1991 to present:

- Privately sponsored seminars and shows throughout U.S., Egypt and Europe
- At grammar schools, high schools, fine arts colleges and universities
- Libraries, Educational venues, Park Districts, Multi-cultural events

Producer of Professional Dance DVD and CDs:

- "Reach for the Stars" Volumes 1 and 2, Instructional DVDs sold throughout the U.S., Europe, Australia, Japan, Dubai, and Egypt
- "Jasmin Jahal LIVE", Performance Videotape voted "Best Entertainment Video of 1998" by the International Academy of Middle Eastern Dance
- "Sadaqa Al Banat", Performance videotape filmed in Stuttgart, Germany
- "Ahlam Jasmin" Volume 1, CD of Egyptian dance music produced in Cairo, Egypt, 2008

Producer of Middle Eastern dance seminars and shows, June 1989 to present

Instructor throughout the Chicago area at dance studios, universities and park districts, 1983 to present. Currently affiliated with UIC, Chicago, IL and Oasis Studio, Chicago, IL.

Awarded "Best Modern Egyptian Dancer" by IAMED, Nov, 2003, and "Instructor of the Year" by Zaghareet Magazine's 2002 Golden Belly Awards.

Established a national Dance Certification program for the Jasmin Jahal Method of Oriental Dance in Sept 2006 and certifies dancers and instructors throughout the U.S

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- INBA, NPC
- NASM, AFAA
- Illinois Arts Council
- International Academy of Middle Eastern Dance
- Chicago Dance and Music Alliance
- Arab Heritage Month
- Genesis at the Crossroads

#### **EDUCATION:**

Middle Eastern dance studies from 1978 to present with great artists throughout the world. I attribute my artistry to my dance mentor, the late Ibrahim Farrah, former artistic director of the "Near East Theatre of Dance" & editor of "Arabesque" Magazine, New York, NY. My second most important mentor has been Mahmoud Reda, former Vice Minister of Cultural Affairs and artistic director of the "Reda Dance Troupe", Egypt

Extensive classical dance education specializing in ballet and pointe, modern and jazz

De Paul University, B.S. Communications & B.S. Computer Science

Barbizon School of Modeling, Chicago, IL