

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MAY AND JUNE'S PARADE CLASSES AND EVENTS 2007

For the past 16 years Delilah leads an ensemble in the Fremont Solstice Parade. This year it will be held at noon on June 16th. Last year they were called the Billion Belly March. The parade dance is about pride and empowerment. Belly dance gives women of every age and body type power, control and awareness of their own bodies in a way that is meaningful and feminine. They learn to express themselves independently through every part of their body.

Parade Classes officially Start May 8, and/or 9.

Check out our fun practice demo for the pyramid.

http://youtube.com/watch?v=aISRoW8_UsU

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

CLASSES

In Parade Class we learn 5-6 dances that are used in the parade as well as other events. **You do not have to be in the parade to be in the classes.** The classes engage us in a way that helps dancers improve techniques and develop traveling and performance skills and co- operation. For the parade all we would have to do is learn one simple dance because thats all the audience ever sees as we dance by. We learn all our dances as a classroom experience, personal challenge and for our own amusement in the parade.

There are 4 parade classes to choose from.

Yes, we get to wear costumes! Yes we have to either make then or buy them.

Yes we will help you figure it out.

DANCERS COSTUMES;

The theme is Ancient Egyptian motif and design (no ruffles or gypsy skirts think straighter lines) Actually can be simple and decorated with trims, paint, glue. . .

You get to be creative with in perimeters.

Headdress; We want everyone's head to be Black and Gold. Hair, wig or cloth

Clothing is to be 70% White,

20% gold and an accent of teal/ turquoise if desired but not over 10%.

Feet are to be sandaled (any color) with secure ties or buckles. No flip flops for safety reasons.

FREE COSTUME WORKSHOP Saturday 1:00 May 19th

MUSICIANS COSTUMES

They will have a bit different perimeters. TBA with Erik

MASONS COSTUMES

See Delilah, and Come to FREE Costume Workshop Saturday 3:30 MAY 19th

ANOTHER COSTUME OPTION

Tayissa Blue has been working hard at her sewing machine and has come up with ready made costumes and accessories that will be available for purchase and options to have custom made items!.

INVITATIONAL

GODS AND GODDESSES WANTED!

Anyone is invited who would like to be a member of our ensemble and parade around as a God or Goddess. Must have an ornate Ancient Egyptian costume approved by the Goddess! This is not a dance role. It is a parade pageant role; Call Delilah 206 632-2353 This is a good role for any belly dancers who would like to join us from out of town because it means no rehearsal.

OUT OF TOWN DANCERS

Last year we had dancers join us from out of town. We would love to extend the invitation again this year, but we have not heard about much interest so we have not taken much time in that direction YET (because we have been busy building a pyramid). We can do a down and dirty video of our dances and put it on UTUBE for you to learn, if there is enough interest to warrant such time, expense and effort. LET US KNOW!!

We are doing Belly Con again this year JUNE 8-16th, in hopes we can make it worth your time to come to Seattle for the week take workshops from an array of fabulous instructors (see schedule) and participate in our classes, and DRESS REHEARSAL ON JUNE 14th.

1. To participate in the parade with us, you can choose to be a Invitational Goddess as said above with minimal time constraints but maximum costume effort! We want to hear from you!
2. If you want to be apart of Delilah's Belly Dance Ensemble in the parade Fill out a registration form send in with \$50 OUT of TOWN DANCER SUPPORT FEE, and we will video tape our dances and put them on UTUBE for you. (If there is a big response we will make every dancer her own copy). Make checks to our videographer Laura Rose Flynn.
COSTUMES;The costume permitters are the same as for Delilah's Tuesday Wednesday class, but the accent color is carnelian. A burnt red-orange.

DELILAH'S TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NITE CLASSES

These are essentially the same class 6:30-8:00. It is for all levels. Parade style

dancing is like no other. There are certain challenges presented by dancing in a parade with a large ensemble. Women come out of the woodwork to participate in a vision of belly dance larger than themselves!

FINGER CYMBAL NOTE

We will be using finger cymbals this year. If you do not have any we will have some available for purchase. They will not be needed on the first day of class but bring them if you have them. If you choose not to play them that's fine too.

NOTE FOR BEGINNERS who have never belly danced before;
Beginners can be in the parade class but know this is not a beginning class. They will need to get the DVD "Absolute Beginning Belly Dance with Delilah" (discount coupon available) and if there are enough beginning dancers, we will set up some extra coaching classes on Saturday and Sundays to assist.

DELILAH'S THURSDAY NIGHT CLASS (already started)

This class is a step ahead of the rest and takes on more leadership, development and an alternative choreography plan at times. They are expected to take on more hours of practice, commitment and help with parade duties. This is not a class for dancers who have a over booked life schedule.

DAHLIA MOON' S CLASS;

Dahlia's class is a specialty class where dancers are using props;
This year EGYPTIAN CANE (gold)and ISIS wings (any color).
The props are an investment the dancer must take on . They are not provided by the studio. They are available at vendors on line (we have a few in the shop).
They do not have to be brought to the first weeks class. Dahlia will demonstrate on May 2 and the first couple weeks you can use a regular veil.

TO REGISTER

Pick one class to register for (if you miss one you can come to the other.) Some dancers sign up for both. They are two separate classes. Send check and registration form. If you register the first day of class it's \$5 more. Make checks to Delilah Flynn. Sorry no credit cards for classes, only cash or checks, but we will accept for Studio Shop merchandise.

LATE SIGN UPS are OK, same price, just double up your classes and get caught up.

TO BE IN THE PARADE

We rent an airplane hanger for the THURSDAY JUNE 14th rehearsal at Magnusen Park. This is a mandatory dress rehearsal to be in the parade!
Class money every year pays organizational staff, printing web design and art supplies for props and development as well as rehearsal space. It is an important over head support to keeping VDP Studios afloat for slower months of the year as well.

CLASS FORMATS

We meet at the studio at 6:30 for notes and announcements and stash stuff and then meet drummers down at B.F.DAY play yard (1 block away) for our work out. Class is officially over at 8:00 but on nights with good weather may run over. Go when you need to or stay and have fun. On rainy nights we have the B. F. Day Hall ways. On Wednesday nights Dahlia's class has the studio so we will be a bit fast in our transition to the school yard.

LOCATION

VDP STUDIO 4128 Fremont Ave North, Sea Wa 98103
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THIS YEARS PARADE CONCEPT

The theme is Ancient Egypt.

The inspiration came from last year's work.

"A GRAND ACHIEVEMENT".

We were 185 strong in our Billion Belly March. We built a 10 foot by 24 foot mural as part of our stage ensemble. We sponsored Belly Con and launched a consciousness raising letter writing campaign, to let the greater community know how much belly dance means to women of all walks of life. The dancers worked hard and looked beautiful!

This year we are challenging our selves and engaging even more community! Men women and teens can play a supportive role by becoming a Cardboard Mason.

We are going to build a 16 foot tall pyramid in the center of Fremont while the dancers dance by. It will be an ensemble of it's own that works in tandem with the dancers. We need a lot of dancers to give them time to build it. It will stand for a 100 Billion Nano seconds. It is a vault to house all our hopes, dreams and solutions for today's world. We will push a post card campaign to get the community at large to realize they are all invited to participate by adding there consciousness.

"We invite everyone to think out side the box and inside the pyramid!"

When they see the Ancient Egyptian card board mason carrying their block in the parade and followed by the dancers they will know where they journey is taking them!

Why this sounds impossible! It is, with out community support!
Nothing is impossible when we all get off the couch!

We are first in the Parade this year!

SUSTAINABLE SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

Afterward the parade and just a block away from the Fremont Faire, Delilah and company will be featured on the

Sustainable Solstice Festival Stage in Gasworks Park at 6:00-7 PM.

During this hour Delilah, Dahlia, Laura Rose and members of the Billion Bellies will perform with music by House of Tarab!

Sustainable Solstice is a new festival where visionaries will creatively address community sustainability issues in festive and imaginative sorts of ways. The Solstice Pageant is at 4-5 there is a beer garden and food vendors as well. Tell all your friends to come relax and have a picnic.

"MIRROR IMAGE STUDIO

Allison from class is arranging to have an Ancient Egyptian painted back drop made and "MIRROR IMAGE STUDIO will set up cameras at our dress rehearsals JUNE 14th so we can have professional photos taken with nice lighting for our scrap books. It's optional and she will talk about it later on. They will be set up before rehearsal and afterwards.