



# Bennington Beledi Tribal Bellydance December 2007 Newsletter

## Fall 2007 Hafla & Workshop



On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, twenty-four dancers took part in the Isolations for Tribal Fusion Workshop instructed by Joslyn Jordan. We learned some new moves to spice up our solo performances. The workshop was followed by performances by Studio Bliss, Shroud, Shakti! Troupe, Joslyn Jordan, Sharif and Amelia, Showtime Bellydancers, Sisters of the Shawl and Sahidi Sisters. Everyone enjoyed delicious food (including homemade baklava) and the afternoon ended with some spirited group dancing to Oojami. Thanks to Kathy Irion for doing the sound and to Bethany Perron and Karen Rhodes who filmed. We hope to see everyone again soon.



Thanks to Karen Rhodes for the Hafla photos

## SOS & Sahidi at the Café

Sisters of the Shawl and Sahidi Sisters each did two sets at South Street Café on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The music for the Sahidi sets was all by musical legend, Hossam Ramzy. SOS chose music with a Spanish influence.

## Other News

Watch for new brocade skirts for SOS and Sahidi. The ladies put in a long sewing day on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, again, to Bethany Perron for hosting at Orvis and for her expertise. SOS and Sahidi Sisters started "Bellydance Boot Camp" on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, viewing footage from the Hafla and targeting areas to work on.

## Upcoming Events

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Holiday Dance Party at the Senior Center for students and troupe members, 5:15-7:15. Refreshments and dancing come in costume and bring a dessert to share.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Sahidi at South Street, performances begin at 7 p.m.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Sahidi at Clark Art Institute, The Sultan's Palace, 8-Midnight. [www.clarkart.edu](http://www.clarkart.edu), see special events for more info.

**February 29<sup>th</sup>:** SOS and Sahidi at South Street Café, performances begin at 7 p.m.

### General Class & Dues Info

Level 1 class is 5:15-6:15; Cues & Transitions 6:15-6:45; and Level 2 class 6:45-7:15. Dues for Level 1 classes are \$30/month or \$8/class. Dues for Level 1 & Cues will be \$40/mo or \$13 night (\$8 for Level 1 & \$5 for Cues). If you are interested in perfecting your cues and transitions and learning to lead, please check with your instructor. Attendance at Level 1 class is a prerequisite for this class. Attendance at classes and rehearsals prior to performance is required for SOS dancers. Also—if you are interested in being considered to move up to Level 2 and SOS, please speak to a Senior Sister (Kathy, Kathleen, Bethany, Christina or Kat). Reminder: Unless you have made other arrangements or pay the drop-in fee, dues for class are due on the first Thursday of each month. In fairness to everyone, students who have not paid will not be allowed to attend classes or borrow materials from the library

### BBTB Lending Library

Please try to borrow things for one week only so everyone has a chance at the items. All items must be returned by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Holiday Class Schedule & Dues

No Classes December 20 or 27. Classes resume Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dues for December are \$15 for Level 1 and \$20 for Level 2 students.

### BBTB Tank Tops

Each student or troupe member may purchase one BBTB tank top at \$12. Additional tanks for friends and supporters are \$15. They would make great holiday gifts!

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