

Star Dancer News

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March Blast 2020

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2020 Special Edition

COVID-19 What's happening? Where does everything stand at the Isis Studios & Academy of Performing Arts???

You are the reason we do what we do, so everything we do, we do to make your experience here as positive, healthy, & fun while sharing with joy our multiple years of experience & training by our wonderful instructors.

This special March Blast is to let you know what's happening NOW!

In theatre we have a tradition- whenever the theatre is empty we are always sure to leave one light on. Typically on a stand in the center of the stage, this light is known as the ghost light. There are many stories about its origin- but it's meaning is unmistakable.

It means though the theatre is empty, WE WILL RETURN. So here's to us. The actors, the technicians, the directors, the carpenters, the designers, the dancers, the teachers, the students, the freelancers, those on tour, those at sea, the electricians, the stitchers, the makers, the stage managers.... THE ARTISTS. Many of us have taken big hits during this virus. Financial and emotional weights have come crashing down as our entire industry is reduced to nothing but a bunch of ghost lights. But those ghost lights are temporary place holders. They are a sign. We might be down now- but our passion, our creativity, our drive is still center stage. We'll be unplugging those ghost lights in no time. Until then- here's a ghost light- to let the world know we will be back.



HAFLA- April
(Postponed from March)

"New Date"

APRIL 18, 2020

NEW DATES:

**2020 NEW BEGINNER
BELLY DANCE
CLASSES**

May 4

Monday- 6:30 pm

May 2

Saturday- 9 am



**2020 NEW BEGINNER
HULA &
TAHITIAN
CLASSES**

May 4

Monday- 7:30 pm



Important for You:

To better help all of our Studio Members get through this temporary situation:

Our Instructors are streaming as much as possible all classes you have paid for, if for some reason you cannot be here or because of the "Stay at Home" guidelines.

There will be no late charges for April or May.

Due to increases in overhead that are making it difficult to even break even at the Studios, and is causing us to have to increase the cost of your primary class, we have made the following decision to help you during this challenging time:

There will be no increase in the monthly base class of \$10 until June 1st.

If there is anyone with temporary serious financial situations, please contact Isis for a confidential discussion.

We care and we're in this with you.

We love you - our hearts go out to all of you - stay safe -

protect yourselves and your families.

We are strong - we can do this!



“What you peddlin’, boy?”

(First ever response, after offering a handshake to an East Texas sales prospect a half decade ago.)

So to be clear, I have no snake oil to sell you or multi-level scheme to invite you to buy! What I’m peddlin’ is “LOVE”. Would like to wage a war against “HATE” (Love’s most obvious Enemy.)

We, as a country and inhabitants of this planet (as well), are in serious situations today. Being almost 78, I have memories of World War II. At that time, actors, athletes, celebs and all kinds of common folk put up their scripts and plows and whatever and went to war (together) and defeated some very evil people.

When that war ended and life settled down, Americans still had their same political and religious differences and they haggled back and forth, but they didn’t hate each other.

Today, families, good lifetime friends, are dividing and “hating one another”. You see people in fist fights over toilet paper and cases of water, and things that are happening showing “animalistic characteristics”. Why? Partly fear, people are lost, scared and panicking.

During the 40’s Roosevelt said “The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself”. Scriptures assure us that we were “not given a spirit of fear, but the power of love and a sound mind. What ever happened to civility?”

In Desiderata “Go placidly among the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible (without surrender) speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant, they too have their stories. I remember “I complained because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet”.

People like Gandhi taught his followers a peaceful approach to a forever change to a wonderful nation of India.

In the 50s and 60s I traveled all over, especially the south and saw a great man with “I have a dream” – Martin Luther King, lead people to a walk to dignity and human rights. He, along with the Kennedy brothers were all “martyred” for their efforts.

I have good news – this horrible pandemic upon the earth today gives every inhabitant an opportunity to win this “Love Fest”. I read of people and companies helping one another; churches arranging day care and help for Medical workers and responders.

So, the final part of “Desiderata” – “You are a child of the Universe, no less than the trees and the stars – you have a right to be here, and whether not it’s clear to you, the Universe is unfolding as it should.

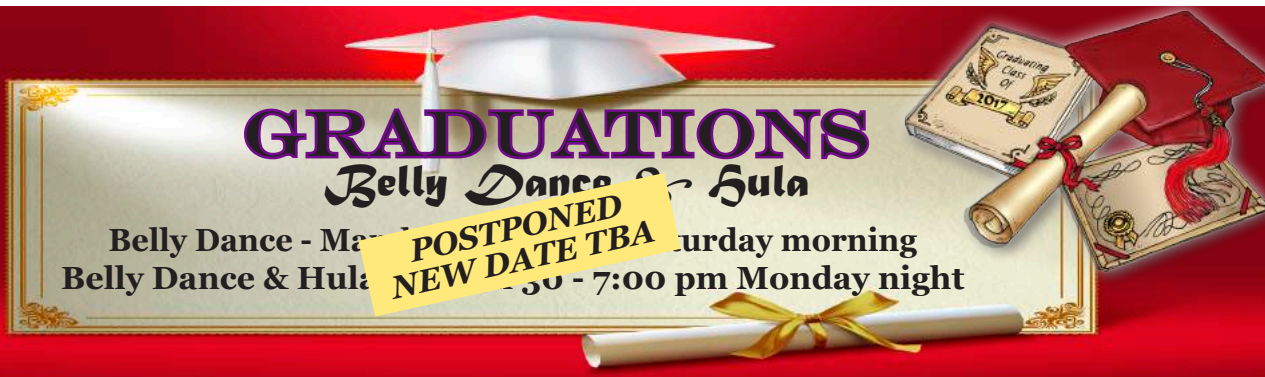
I am grateful and proud to be an American. I am proud you also are Americans and fellow earth travelers. I challenge everyone who reads this to drop your prejudices and accept a challenge “to love”.

In order to do that (not an easy sale), some conditions: Can you forgive your enemies? Can you pray for them? Can you love your neighbor as yourself? Tough, huh?

Give it a try – you’ve got nothing to lose and the world to gain.



I hope you win this (the real) war. You can. We can. Written IN LOVE



GRADUATIONS

Belly Dance & Hula

Belly Dance - May 1 - 7:00 pm Saturday morning
Belly Dance & Hula - May 1 - 7:00 pm Monday night

POSTPONED
NEW DATE TBA



Scarborough Renaissance Festival - May 2 - June 7 - Waxahachie - BDT Star Stage: Star Dancers, Drums of Isis; and Ivanhoe Stage: Wings of Isis, Professional and Performing Company Star Dancers, and Professional Drums of Isis

Arbor Daze - Euless - April 25 - 11:00 a.m. - Community Stage



Denton Arts & Jazz - Denton - **POSTPONED**
NEW DATE TBA - Sunday - Festival Stage - Star Dancers, PC, PP, Drums of Isis

Mayfest - May 3 - Fort Worth - **CANCELLED** - Midway Stage
Star Dancers, PC, PP, Drums of Isis

Dress Rehearsal
Denton Arts & Jazz - **POSTPONED**
NEW DATES TBA - 7:30 pm
Monday night

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