

April/May 2020

DRUM **CLASSES**

Sat.- 12:30 pm

508 Harwood - Bedford, Texas 76021

2020 Edition 4

2020 NEW BEGINNER 2020 NEW BEGINNER **BELLY DANCE CLASSES**

June 1 Monday- 6:30 pm June 6 Saturday- 9 am



2020 NEW BEGINNER **HULA & TAHITIAN CLASSES**

June 1 Monday- 6:30 pm



2020 NEW BEGINNER YOUNG BELLYDANCERS

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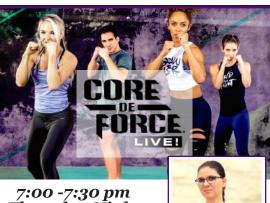
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friend ... and dance!!!







7:00 -7:30 pm Thursday Night

Returning soon!

CONQUER FROM WITHIN

If you are looking for an EMPOWERING workout that gets results, this is it! Core De Force is a high-energy non-contact MMA-**Inspired workout** that combines boxing, kick-boxing, and muai-thai techniques as well as explosive power moves and interval training.

nstructor: **PERSEPHONE**

Persephone is a former national/ international Tae Kwon Do champion. She earned her 2nd degree black belt and taught Tae Kwon Do for several years. She discovered Core de Force in December of 2017 & became a certified instructor in March of 2018. She is thrilled to be bringing this dynamic class to the Isis Studios!



\$10.00 registration fee

YOUNG BELLYDANCERS

Wednesday June 5 - July 8

Age 4 - 8 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

rhythm, veils, and musical instruments!!

> 6 weeks one day a week \$65.00 per child + \$10 reg.fee



Core De Force Class! **NEW DAY/TIME!** Thursdays 7-7:30pm Bedford, TX



It's amazing the great people I have in my life that I wouldn't have ever met if it wasn't for DANCING

linyasa YOGA

MONDAYS

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Vinyasa Yoga uses a flowing style while transitioning from pose to pose. This class is suitable for ALL student levels from beginner to advanced.



Drop in rate - \$12 Monthly fee - \$40

If you are a current student - \$36





1) BELLY DANCE, HULA & DRUM CLASSES ON-LINE

for Dancers & Drummers
who will be <u>NEW to</u>
The Isis Studios
or Who are

TOTALLY NEW to BELLY DANCE or DRUM

We can't wait to have you join us in learning a new skill while you are Staying Safely at Home or **In Person** at the Studio - your choice.

We are streaming classes and can meet questions! you on Zoom - however, classes will also start @ the Isis Studios at the same time.

You can register on-line at isisandthestardancers.com

Or call us to register or for more information:

2) BELLY DANCE, HULA & DRUM CLASSES ON-LINE FOR CURRENT OR PAST ISIS STUDIOS DANCERS & DRUMMERS

Thank you to all our dancers and drummers who are still sharing with us the love during this Pandemic. We will be beginning classes in person at the Studios on Monday, May 25 for those available to celebrate dancing! But we will also stream and zoom for those who will be staying at home.

We have been streaming "Facebook Live" classes almost the entire time!

And we added Zoom this last couple of weeks as an additional option to see each other and share news - we love you all and have missed your faces!!

*We have had dancers/drummers who are no longer in the area contact us about taking classes and it's been exciting to see them online with us!

If you want to join us and you have been an Isis Studio Dancer or Drummer, and are either ...

out of town,
out of state,
not available on certain days
or just

wanting to still dance or drum at home, we'd LOVE to have you join us at your dance or drum level.







CURRENT DANCE CLASSES

For those of you who have been out for personal reasons (congratulations on your weddings, babies, new houses), and for those of you who have missed any individual classes, below is the current schedule of classes to help you plan times to make up for any classes you have missed! Call if you have any questions!

Middle Eastern (Belly Dance) Classes

- * NEW Beginner Classes: Monday night - 6:30 p.m. Saturday morning - 9:00 a.m.
- * Advanced Beginner Classes: Thursday night - 6:30 p.m. Saturday morning - 10:00 a.m.
- * Advanced I Classes: Monday night - 7:30 p.m. Thursday night - 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning - 11:15 a.m.
- * Advanced II Classes: Monday night - 8:30 p.m. Thursday night - 8:30 p.m. Saturday daytime - 12:30 p.m.
- * Advanced III Classes: Tuesday night - 6:30 p.m. Saturday daytime - 1:45 p.m.
- * Advanced IV Class: Tuesday night - 7:30 p.m.
- * RaqsZahrah: Tuesday night 7:30 p.m.



Middle Eastern Classes Continued:

- * Isis Performing Company: Tuesday night - 8:30 p.m. (Second Tuesday)
- * RaqsMaysan: Tuesday night 7:30 p.m
- * Raksettes: Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.
- * Wings of Isis: Wednesday night 7:30 pm
- * Cultural Dance Team:

3:00 p.m. Meeting (First Saturday day) 3:00 p.m Rehearsals as Scheduled on Additional Saturdays.

Girl's Belly Dance Classes:

- * Gems Pre-Teen/Teen Classes Saturday - 12:30 p.m.
- * New Gems New Pre-Teen Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Hula:

- * Advanced Monday night 6:30 p.m.
- * Beginner Monday night 7:30 p.m.

BUDDY VOUCHERS

Don't forget - after you've graduated from the Beginner Belly Dance Classes and received your Middle Eastern diploma, you are eligible to earn free classes.

If a friend signs up for new Beginner classes, lists <u>you</u> on <u>her or his</u> registration form, then receives a certificate after the full six months, <u>you</u> will earn a free month of classes!!

Pick up <u>your</u> voucher at the front desk immediately after <u>her or his</u> graduation!

Turn in your voucher for your free month of classes! Opa!

Thank you for being such a valuable part of our world.





AMERICAN BELLY DANCE ICONS

LIMITED EDITION \$25 including tax

AMAYA: Well, finally. THE DVDS ARRIVED! The 3 yr. project goes into the next phase...getting it out to the world! Amaya's documentary "American Belly Dance Icons" is here! (Premiere screening of this film March 22 in Albuquerque, NM)

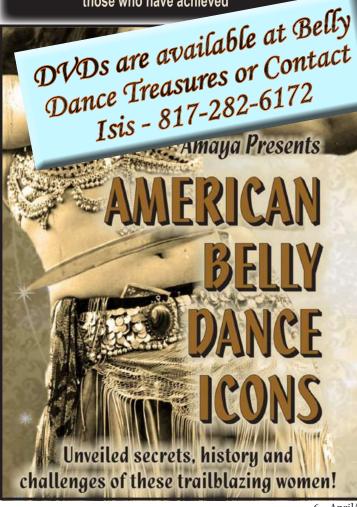
TAMILYN DALAL: This new film/ DVD has been in the making since 2018. Amaya MariaElena made Legends several years ago, about the generation of American bellydancers before us. It is an extremely valuable resource for all bellydance teachers to have and share with their students. I have shown it so many times. Now, our generation is being showcased in this film. Again, a must for every dancer to see and study. It is quite possible that that your teacher (and you) are from one of these teachers lineage or somehow connected to them.

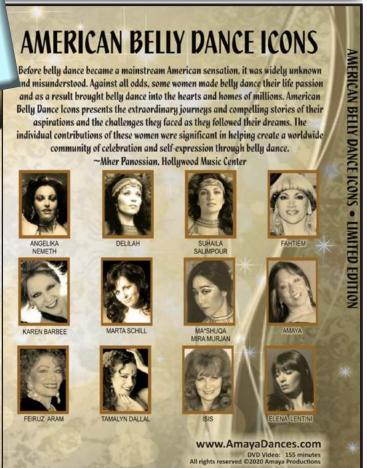
KAREN BARBEE: It's incredibly humbling to be included in this. Actually seeing it in print made me take the time to think about it. So many in this group were personal icons of mine over my five decades in this dance! Thank you Amaya!!!

ISIS: A massive project - thank you, amazing Amaya, for the drive, love and focus you have had to gather together and honor so many - I'm stunned to be included with these true ICONS who I admire so much - thank you!

And, of course, this year's epic Yaa Halla Y'all 2020 will also be honoring a number of these acclaimed outstanding ICONS, who will be with us, including our beloved Amaya, July 23-25th in a North Texas Premier Screening. Honoring those who have achieved

and shared so much makes my heart sing!!!









COVID-19

New Normal

Love you all

1. Stay home ... Stay safe ... Stay Healthy

2. Think positively. For every negative thought, think of 5 positive thoughts

3. Be prepared. Plan a schedule

4. Work hard ... It pays off

5. Take breaks ,,, Avoid getting overwhelmed 6. Do not be afraid to ask for help!!

7. Help others ... Always

8. When you have done all you can, be proud of all you've accomplished

9. We are strong - we will be back stronger than ever and soon!



Thank you



Thank you from our hearts to those who have donated from their hearts to the Isis Foundation Financial Aid Scholarship Fund to help with classes for those dancers/drummers who are out of work due to COVID-19 ...

Thank you to those who have donated to the Studio to help with replacing 3 air conditioners ... WOW, that was so very unexpected and much appreciated!

And **Thank you** to those who have been here for classes with Streaming on Facebook Live and/ or on Zoom - the Studios could not re-open without your love and support. Miss your faces, your dancing, your drumming, and love your comments,. You are my heart.







Yaa Jalla Yall Yall Galaxy & Constellation Stars

up close 8 personal

Thursday Jusion

Sho Shannah Cassandra Fox Karen Barbee

<u>Thursday</u>
<u>Combologor</u>

Diana Soto Frank Farino Seather Wayman

Friday Fusion
Virginia
Frank Farinaro
ShoShannah

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Yaa Halla Yall Yall Galaxy & Constellation Stars

> up close personal

Saturday Jusion

Silvia Salamanca Mia Sha'uri Kaeshi Chai

Sunday Galaxy
Silvia Salamanca
Amaya
Mia Sha'uri
w/Miguel Crespo

Friday Musician
Al Cofrin
Saturday Musician
SuSu Pampanin
Sunday Musician
Miguel Crespo



Yaa Salla Y'all Celestial Stars

Thursday Fusion

Soe Jakes

Sahra Saeeda



<u>Friday Cabaret</u> Cassandra Fox Sahra Saeeda



Saturday Cabaret

Soe Jakes

Virginia



<u>Sunday Cabaret</u> Aziza

Kaeshi Chai

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YAA HALLA, Y'ALL NOTICE:

We're, at the moment, looking forward to seeing as a part of this epic year, you the dancers and musicians we love and appreciate.

We understand everyone's concerns, and will be making a firm decision on the safety of attending YHY by June.

We want every single person to be safe and healthy - we have, of course, amazingly workable plans for spacing to be in workshops and perform safely on and back stage and in dressing rooms if it continues to be a go, as we expect it will.

The hotel has also made special efforts for sanitizing and extra clean rooms, elevators and lobby.

We are blessed to have contacts with the City of Grapevine and the Convention Center, plus airlines who are keeping us in the loop ahead of public announcements concerning any closing or opening plans.

If we have any heads up or concerns ourselves, you all will be the first to know.

Hugs and love, Isis and Del



SAVE THE DATE:

October 24, 2020

Wings Halloween Show & Dinner & Costume Contests

6:00 pm
Saturday night
Knights of Columbus

Yaa Salla, Y'all July 23-26

2020

Be an important part of the <u>Last</u> big 4 days & 4 nights @ the Grapevine Convention Center

Layaway NOW

for great prices - 3 day packages and one full day layaways are available NOW!

Layaway means smaller payments each month - yay!!

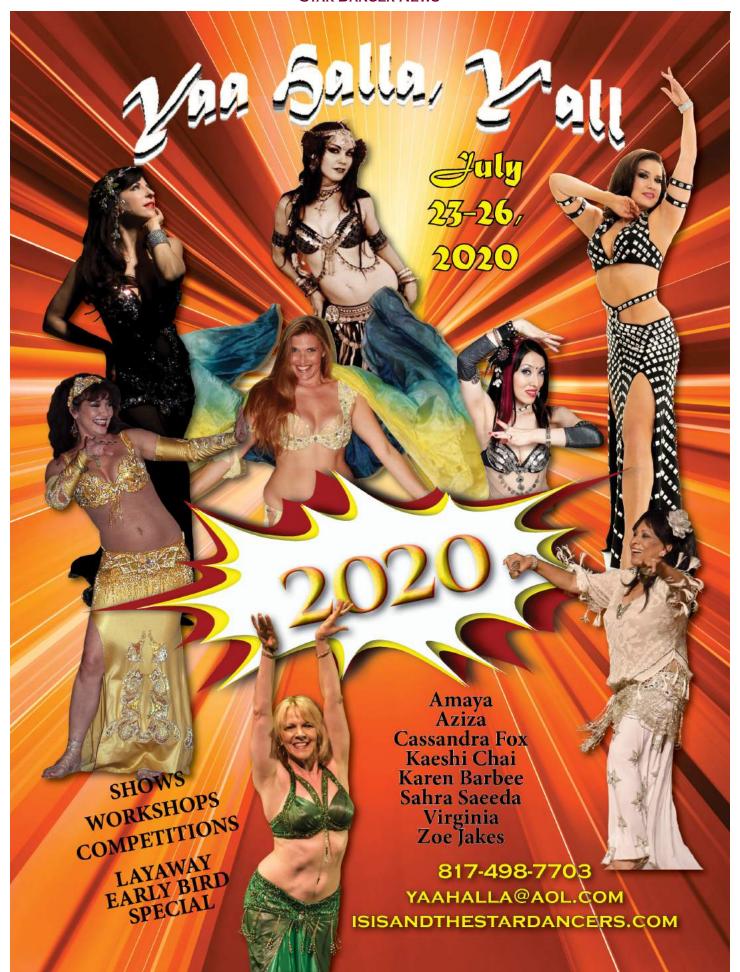
for DANCERS AND DRUMMERS

*MAJOR FYT: (please read)

Due to such a terrific response, Only full packages or full days are being offered for 2020, so if you're planning, or hoping to perform as a soloist or as a part of your class, (and we want you to have this wonderful opportunity to perform), please use this opportunity to pay it out by putting your full day or 3 day package in layaway this month

for the easiest, least expensive way to guarantee your exciting day(s) at this epic Yaa Halla, Y'all 2020!









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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HAFLA 2019









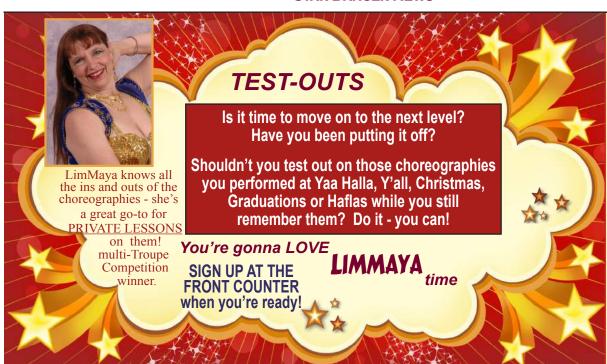














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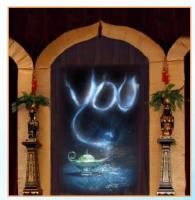
Don't forget to order your VIDEOS from YHY19!

Videos are helpful:

*whenever you want a **record** of your performances

*to give you an idea of your skills and how you've **improved***often **required** to enter competition or shows

Order NOW while videos are easy to find! isisandthestardancers.com ...817-282-8216





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May 25 Monday Memorial Day

Monday Classes: for those ready to return and available on Memorial Day - first night back to classes - come dance!



Cassie Quinn | Photographer

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Photography Enthusiast gdittenber@live.com

Gail Dittenber Photography

Artful Portraiture, Landscapes and Motion



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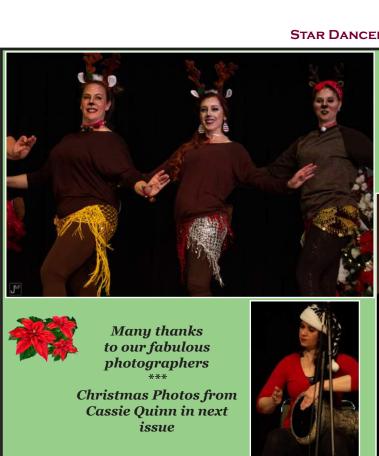








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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY **HAFLA** 2019

















24 - April/May 2020



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Performing Company Audition

will consist of:

- *1 An original
 2-minute solo in
 full costume, full
 make-up.
- *2 There will be no props with your solo.
- *3 Interview
- *4 Perform one Troupe Choreography (drawn that day) in a group.

Troupe Choreography is chosen from Super Belly Dance, Amayagueña, Miserlou (only Miserlou has a propbring cape veil)

> Eligible: Advanced II, III, IV at the Isis Studios

All Performing Companies are members

Derforming Company

Audition Date: Sunday August (day TBA), 2020 12:00 noon

Arrive by 11:00 am to get ready, or 11:30 am with make, hair, dressed and ready-to-go

(This is where all the Performing Companies start and is required in order to audition to become a member of the additional Professional Performing Companies)

Performing Company Pequirements:

- * Performance Skills
- * All ages, all sizes
- * Willing and able to commit to once a month PC Tuesday Class at 8:30 pm
- * Must be a team player
- * MUST be interested in and willing to PERFORM
 - * Performing Company focuses on

Performance Skills



Isis' Studios 508-I Harwood Bedford, TX 76021

This Flyer with all information and **sign-up sheet to audition** will be at the Front Counter

817.498.7703 stardners@isisandthestardancers.com www.isisandthestardancers.com

Judges will be giving points for ability, entertainment skills, interview, public personality, appearance, costuming, hair and make-up.

And, of course, the always important ... Attitude - Attitude - Attitude



RAKS MAYSAN RAKS ZAHRAH

Isis Professional Performing Company



We are so excited about the Isis Dance Companies formed within the Isis and the Star Dancers Troupe. These companies were created to:

- 1) Challenge our dancers,
- 2) Give dancers additional opportunities to develop performance skills, and
- 3) Provide dancers with extra opportunities to perform.

These <u>additional</u> performance opportunities and once monthly class/meetings on the second Tuesday of each month for the Performing Company and then, once each monthly for the Professional Performing Companies, are designed for the more committed, active, multi-performance group:

- 1) They were also created to additionally promote our troupe within the dance community, and
- 2) To prepare the members of the Company for higher level performances.

Auditions:

Sunday, August (day TBA), 2020 - 12:00 noon

Isis Professional Performing Company Requirements

Must be a Performing Company Member:

- *1 Must have tested out of Studio choreographies you have learned, and be able to switch to Tuesday night class each starts at 7:30 pm.
 - *2 3 minute solo of your own choreography, including entrance and exit.
 - *3 There will be no props -no zills, veil, sword, cane, etc.
- *4 Personal choreography performance will include Professional costuming and make-up.
 - *5 Answer questions on individual interview.

*6 - Attend two workshops that will be scheduled in August or earlier to

learn a choreography to be performed - see Adam Basma workshop sign-up sheet.

A Review & tweak class is also available - the week of auditions -from 7:30-9:00 pm



There is a reduced price to take the two workshops and again reduced to add the review.

*7 - Must be willing to **COMMIT** to the time and days needed to be a member of the Professional Performing Company.

*8 - Professional Performing Companies (Raks Maysan & Raks Zahrah) hold a boot camp once a month – usually held the week of PC Tuesday.

*9 - Both Professional Performing Companies hold a **joint meeting once a month**— the week of PC Tuesday.

*10 - The Professional Performing Companies pay small monthly Dues — these Dues are used for purchasing Company costumes, boot camp fees and more.

Auditions with Judges Requirements

- 1. Bring 3 minutes of your own choreography for performance that day.
 - a. There will be no props
 - b. Costuming and make-up is important
- 2. Interview
- 3. Perform group choreography Adam Basma

Judges will be giving credit for:

- ability
- entertainment
- technical skills
 - fluidity
 - appearance
- * costuming & make-up
- * ease in dealing with stress
- ability to perform in a group
 - interview
 - * public personality

[(Bring something to do (or practice) while you wait your turn – most dancers practice]

If you do get accepted as a Professional Performing member, you must still complete your Advanced III/IV

Classes to learn choreographies performed in those levels.

- PPC would then be considered your basic class.
- Your Advanced III or IV would be considered your additional class.
 (Adam Basma is a required Advanced IV Choreography.)

PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE - ISIS STUDIO

Working on your solo ... or Auditions for Festivals, Haflas, Competitions or Yaa Halla, Y'all, or need help on class dance or music choreographies?

Who ya gonna call??

Sign up at the Studio Counter and you will be contacted by the Instructor to schedule a time that works for both of you.

KEDE

Count on her for helping you get that extra edge you'll need to show off your solo skills and polish your choreography. Cabaret Solo, Troupe, Trio, Duet, and Mini Ensemble competition winner.



SAFIRA

Fusion, Cabaret, a bit of everything - great at creating choreographies just for you -Cabaret Solo, Troupe, Trio, and Angels Troupe competition winner.



LYNX

Excellent with props, Restaurant Dancer. Skilled with both Fusion & Cabaret. Solo, Musical & Duet Competition winner.



SOROUSH

Beginner and Intermediate Drum Instructor -Professional Musician.



MALACHI

Advanced Drum Instructor Professional Musician.



LIMMAYA

Get great help with all choreographies for your testouts. LimMaya knows them all and can give you great input on attitudes for each - Troupe competition winner.



MISHAEL

Get great help with creating your personal Choreographies. Mishael is one of the Wings' primary outstanding Choreographers - cabaret or fusion - Troupe competition winner.



MAHSATI

Mahsati knows those class choreographies, including Professional Perf. Co. and can break them down to help you start to love your skills ... you can do it! Duet & Troupe competition winner.



AHAVA

A musician both with instruments and her dance - Ahava can help you feel the music and make your dance sing to your audience - Duet & Troupe competition winner.



PERSEPHONE

Knows all the choreographies from Advanced I through IV and is very detailed in breaking them down. Duet, Troupe & Solo competition winner.



ISABELLA

Isabella's specialties are performance presentation & stage make-up. Once you have a dance plan, get great input on making you look GOOD! Troupe competition winner.



CONGRATULATIONS!



photo left: Bonnie & Sean Hamilton





photo below:



Congratulations to Bonnie & Sean Hamilton's son Rowan Hamilton on their graduation of The Clariden School 2020 and for registration to the University of North Texas in the fall.

Geneva deLackner on being chosen for the Junior National Honor Society.

photo below: Geneva deLackner





Congratulations to Michelle Rene MaGee for another awesome win for writing. She is a fnalist for the Dante Rossetti Award for Young Adult Fiction -Chanticleer International Book Awards AND for further excitement, on one recent day her book ranked higher than Harry Potter and The Hobbit.





photos above: Denise Cannizzo and her letter of congratulations.







photo above and right: Coco & Stripey

<u>Congratulations to Ashlee Grider</u> on her award winning roosters: "Stripey made Junior overall Champion and Coco got reserve Frizzle boy in our district. They move on to national finals. Love my boys. Both breed by me Layers DFW Shown by Demi."

GET WELL WISHES SYMPATHIES



Congratulations and thank you to Ashley Crist Photography for the beautiful photo of the Blue Angels flyover in Texas in honor of the front-line angels. Stay Well Wishes to everyone.



photo left: Veteran David Kavaljian

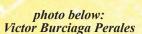




photo left: Danielle Burciaga



OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU!

Our Sympathies to Sarah Kavaljian & her Mom Margaret on the loss of her Dad, David Kavaljian March 4, 2020.

Our Sympathies to Diana Jurek on the loss of her Uncle, Kenneth Roach, April 17, 2020.

Our Sympathies to Heather Hines on the loss of her Aunt, Margaret Trejo Rodriquez on May 12, 2020.

Our Sympathies to Danielle Burciaga on the loss of her grandfather, Victor Burciaga Perales over Mother's Day weekend, 2020.





OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU!

Get Well Wishes for Everyone who is out with illness due to the weather - prayers and we miss you!

Get Well Wishes for Candace Griffin -Campbell.

Get Well Wishes for Dez Conner.

Get Well Wishes for Bob Chabot.

Get Well Wishes for Jennifer Stripolli.

Get Well Wishes for Tammye Nash.

Get Well Wishes for Joan Besch.

Get Well Wishes for Layne Cooke.

Get Well Wishes for Gloria Hanchette's husband, Michael.

Get Well Wishes for Connie Childress' Mom and Dad.

Get Well Wishes for Donna Boultinghouse's Dad.

Get Well Wishes for Rose Jeffries and her Mom.

Get Well Wishes for Lynn Jacob's Mom.

Get Well Wishes for Sandra Comer's Dad.

Get Well Wishes for Cassie Quinn's Mom and Grandmother.

Get Well Wishes for Lyn Argenbright's

Get Well Wishes for Tammye Nash's Mom.

Get Well Wishes for Linda Earheart's Husband.

Get Well Wishes for Sandra Comer's Brother.

Get Well Wishes for Patty Musch's Husband.

Get Well Wishes for Carol Cichon's Mom.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 10

Mother's Day

MAY 2020

May 25 Monday Classes for those ready to return and available on Memorial Day - first night back to classes

JUNE 2

June 1

New Beginner Belly Dance - Monday - 6:30 pm

June 1

New Beginner Hula - Monday - 7:30 pm

June 3

NEW Young Belly Dancers - Wednesday 5:00 pm

June 6

New Beginner Belly Dance Saturday - 9:00 am

New Beginner Drum Saturday - 12:30 pm (after noon)

June 6

CDT Meeting - 3:00 pm

Performing Company Tuesday - 8:30 pm

June 13-14

Yaa Halla, Y'all Auditions - Sat & Sun - 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Beginner Belly Dance Dress Rehearsal - Thursday - 6:00 pm

June 20

Beginner Belly Dance Dress Rehearsal - Saturday - 8:30

June 20-26

Class Dress Rehearsals/Photos for Yaa Halla, Yall 2020

Beginner Belly Dance & Drum Graduation - Thursday - $7:00 \ pm$

Beginner Belly Dance & Drum Graduation - Saturday -10:30 am

June 28

YHY Staff Meeting - 2:00 pm



JULY 2020

Saturday, JULY 4 - STUDIO CLOSED for INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Classes Resume on Monday, July 6

July 7

CDT Meeting - 3:00 pm

July 8

Girls Class Graduation - 6:00 pm

July 14

PC Tuesday - 8:30 pm

Extra Rehearsals for YHY 2020

July 21

Extra Rehearsals for YHY 2020

July 21

CDT Tuesday - 8:30 pm

Set-up at Grapevine CC for YHY - 5:00 pm

Yaa Halla, Y'all - A Gathering of the Stars in Texas - July 23-26 -

Grapevine Convention Center



All events above are scheduled.

EVERYTHING depends on the Pandemic and the opening of attendance. Stay safe, stay healthy ... we love you!!