

# Star Dancer News

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May 2023

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2023 Edition 5

Wow! **YALLA RAQS THE PALACE** in Texas **DEADLINES** closing in fast! Sign-ups for Competitions is **JUNE 1, 2023** (prizes, trophies, cash) PLUS early bird prices for these phenomenal world-famous Star Instructors is **JULY 1, 2023**. Bring your hot self and Set this Dance World on Fire your way .... [isisandthestardancers.com](http://isisandthestardancers.com) ... 817-498-7703 or email at [isiseventproductions@gmail.com](mailto:isiseventproductions@gmail.com). Can't wait to see you celebrating dance, music and LIFE!

**EBONY QUALLS**

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

July 28-30 2023 in Texas

Workshops: Saturday July 29 & Sunday July 30

★ Fiery Fusion

<https://isisandthestardancers.com/yallaragsthepalace.html>

THE EVENT  
Yalla Raqs the Palace  
Dance & Music Stars in Texas

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

July 28-30 2023

Yalla Raqs the Palace  
Setting Our Dance World on Fire

Amaya Dalia Carella Frank Farinaro Kaeshi Chai Karen Barbee Shoshannah Michael Ibrahim

Lavatories are available  
Lock yours in early!

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**MICHAEL IBRAHAM**

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Workshops: Friday, Saturday & Sunday July 28, 29, 30

★ Blazing Beats

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**YALLA RAQS the PALACE**

Setting our Dance World on Fire!

2023

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

June 1, 2023

Judges Choice 2023

Emcee Solo Star  
Dance Solo Star  
Dance & Music Star  
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★ Sizzling Stars of Texas  
★ Dance World Competition

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**SADIE MARQUARDT**

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Workshops: Saturday July 29 & Sunday July 30

★ Red Hot Raqs Sharqi

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**SILVIA SALAMANCA**

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Workshops: Friday July 28 & Saturday July 29

★ Fiery Fusion

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**SHOSHANNAH**

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

July 28-30 2023 in Texas

Workshop: Friday July 28

★ Fiery Fusion

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★ Yalla Raqs the Palace - Setting our Dance World on Fire!

★ Gala Shows Workshops Competitions in the Palace Theater in the Vacation City of Grapevine, Texas

★ Deadlines: Early Bird Competitions June 1, 2023 Workshops & Shows July 1, 2023

**KAESHI CHAI**

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

July 28-30 2023 in Texas

Workshops: Friday July 28 Raks Sharqi

★ Sunday July 30 Fiery Fusion

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**DALIA CARELLA**

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

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★ Red Hot Raqs Sharqi

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**FRANK FARINARO**

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

July 29-30 2023 in Texas

Workshop: Sunday July 30

★ Sizzling Specials

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**AMAYA**

Setting Our Dance World on Fire

July 29-30 2023 in Texas

Workshop: Saturday July 29

★ Sizzling Specials

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**KAREN BARBEE**

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July 28-30 2023 in Texas

Workshop: Sunday July 30

★ Red Hot Raks Sharqi

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**SAQRA**

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July 28-30 2023 in Texas

Workshop: Friday July 28

★ Sizzling Specials

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# CDT Workshop Greek Debke



Saturday, June 3

3:00 – 4:30

Come learn the basic Greek Debke and dance with us during the **Yalla Raqs the Palace 2023** audience participation performance.

**YOU** can be part of the fun!

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Cultural Dance Team and possibly join our troupe!!\*\*

\*\*Only Advanced II and above Dancers and Drummers qualify for this troupe, but ALL are welcome to the workshop.

\$10 workshop registration\*

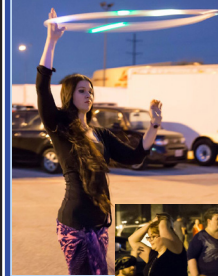
\*If you join CDT, you will receive a voucher for your first month's dues!!

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## DRUM JAM

**Saturday**  
**June 3**  
**2:00-4:00 pm**  
**Isis Academy**  
**508 Harwood,**  
**Bedford, Texas**



**JUNE 3 | 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

# HUGE CONSIGNMENT SALE



Belly Dance | Fusion | Polynesian | Tribal

Costumes, Jewelry, Accessories and Props for Solos and Troupes

**ISIS STUDIO | 508 HARWOOD RD, BEDFORD, TX 76021**



**YALLA RAQS the PALACE**  
Setting Our Dance World on Fire

**YALLA RAQS the PALACE 2023**

**AUDITIONS** for SOLO, DUET, TRIOS, and Groups for compete and/or non-compete

**June 10 - 11**

**YALLA RAQS the PALACE**  
Setting our Dance World on Fire!

July 28, 29, 30  
**2023**

Belly Dance Star Competition

Deadline for Competition Entries: June 1, 2023

**Judges Choice 2023**

- \* Drum Solo Star
- \* Prop Solo Star
- \* Drum & Dancer Stars
- \* Rising Star
- \* Duet/Trio Stars
- \* Fusion/Alternative Solo Star
- \* Troupe Stars
- \* Cabaret Pro Solo Star
- \* Diamond Diva Star

Yellow Rose of Texas Belly Dance Star Competition

Brought to you by the Producers of Yaa Halla, Y'all & Sponsored by the Isis Foundation

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Photo of Elvan by Carl Sermon

Amaya  
Dalia Carella  
Ebony Qualls  
Frank Farinaro  
Kaeshi Chai  
Karen Barbee  
Sadie  
Saqra  
Shoshannah  
Silvia Salamanca  
Michael Ibrahim  
Badrawn

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**YALLA RAQS the PALACE**  
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**YALLA RAQS the PALACE 2023**

**ALL CLASSES REHEARSALS & PHOTOS**  
whether Performing at Yalla Raqs or Not

**June 19 - 24**

# Yalla Raqs the Palace

## THE EVENT

July 28, 29, 30, 2023

Setting our Dance World on Fire!!

**LAYAWAYS!**  
Early Bird until  
July 1st

Come Share the  
Magic!

Advance **CABARET** 3-Day Package - includes July 28, 29, 30, 2023 Shows and Workshops (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - Red Hot Raqs Sharqi Room) Vine Vintage Arts Center - Vintage Hall

Advance **FUSION** 3-Day Package - includes July 28, 29, 30, 2023 Shows and Workshops (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - Fiery Fusion Room) - Vine Vintage Arts Center - Vintage Room

Advance **3-Day Drum Package** - includes July 28, 29, 30, 2023 Shows and Workshops (Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Blazing Beats Room) Vine Arts Center - Center Stage Room



Check our website at [isisandthestardancers.com](http://isisandthestardancers.com) or call us at 817-498-7703

Plus ... an opportunity to be a part of the **Yellow Rose of Texas Belly Dance Star Competition** - show us your talent!  
3 more categories of skills, dance and drum

Come share our Texas hospitality, find that special something at your favorite vendors, and enjoy a weekend of camaraderie, workshops and shows packed with talent guaranteed to inspire you!"

### ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 17, 2023  
9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Zill Workshop -  
with Persephone

June 19-24  
All Classes Dress Rehearsals & Photos  
for YALLA RAQS THE PALACE

August 12, 2023  
10:00 am - 12:00 am  
Jen Drums Workshop  
for Wings Auditions

August 19, 2023  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Restaurant Dancing  
Skills Workshop

August 27, 2023  
WINGS AUDITIONS

Sharing my lecture to me -  
Love you, Isis

DON'T BE  
PUSHED  
BY YOUR  
PROBLEMS.  
BE LED  
BY YOUR  
DREAMS.



**New Raqs Sharqi  
(Belly Dance)**  
Beginners  
Saturday,  
July 1, 2023  
9:00 am  
&  
Thursday,  
July 6, 2023  
6:30 pm

**New  
Beginner  
Doubek  
(Drum)**  
Saturday,  
July 1,  
2023  
1:30 pm



**New  
Beginner  
Polynesian  
(Hula)**  
Monday,  
October 2,  
2023



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**October 21, 2023**

**Wings  
Halloween  
Dinner & Show**



**& Costume  
Contests**

**6:00 pm  
Saturday  
night  
Knights of  
Columbus**




**SAVE THE DATES:**

**JUNE Graduations  
DRESS REHEARSAL**

Saturday, June 17, 2023 - 9:00 am  
Thursday, June 22, 2023 - 6:30 pm



**GRADUATION:**

Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 9:30 am  
Thursday, June 29, 2023 - 7:00 pm

**Attention:**   
**Young Dancers**

**Isis Academy of Performing Arts** is pleased to offer six week sessions for young dancers interested in a fun and creative experience. Belly Dancing is a great way to get exercise and to build confidence.

**Classes include dance, rhythm, veils, musical instruments!!**

*Learn beautiful basic moves and simple choreography to perform for your family and friends!*

-  **Young Belly Dancers** - dancers aged 7-9  
Wednesday 5:30 pm-6:15 pm (June 14-July 19)
-  **Little Belly Dancers** - dancers aged 4-6  
Wednesday 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm (June 14 - July 19)

*All Classes are age appropriate!  
\$65.00 per child + \$10.00 registration fee  
(booklet provided)*



Classes and Registration:  
**Isis Academy of Performing Arts**  
508 Harwood Rd (corner of Harwood & Brown Trail)  
Bedford, Texas 76021

**817-498-7703 or 817-282-8216**

Sign up in person, by phone or on-line at:  
[www.isisandthestardancers.com](http://www.isisandthestardancers.com)





# Jen Drums Workshop for Wings of Isis Audition



Sponsored by the Isis Foundation

**Workshop: Saturday - August 12, 2023**

**10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**\$25.00 in advance**

(minimum 5 or more auditioning)

**(Auditions are Sunday, August 27, 2023)**

Workshop is open to those auditioning who are Professional Performing Company Members:

Raksettes, Raks Maysan, Raks Zahrah

(Even if you know it, make sure you know the same choreography the way we'll perform it!)



**August 27, 2023**

## Wings of Isis Professional Dance Company AUDITIONS

**AUDITION PROCESS:**

Arrive: 10:30 am

Auditions begin: 11:00 am

Come in Costume with Full Make-up, Hair & Accessories

Ready to Perform

Performance order will be drawn

Isis Studios & Academy of Performing Arts

508-I Harwood

Bedford, Texas 76021

**Audition will consist of:**

(See Requirements Below)

- \* One 3 minute original solo on day of Audition including entrance and exit - NO PROP
- \* One (or more) performance (s) of "Jen Drums"
- \* One (or more) Performance (s), in a group of two or more, of a Choreography short piece taught that day
- \* Demonstrate Technique Skills
- \* Bring Sword & Zills
- \* Bring Work-out Clothes/fringe hip scarf (no coins)

**Troupe Requirements**

- \* Perform at a professional level
- \* Willing and able to commit to weekly Wednesday night rehearsals (7:30 - 10pm) and attend additional meetings and rehearsals as needed
- \* Must be a team player with a positive & upbeat attitude
- \* Must be in strong and fit condition
- \* Must have auditioned successfully into, & be an active member of the Professional Performing Company (PPC).



**Benefits**

- \* Be a member of a professional, award-winning troupe
- \* Travel and perform nationally
- \* Be a featured performer at area festivals
- \* Be challenged to grow as a dancer and performer while having a strong support system
- \* Be an important part of a sisterhood

The Isis Foundation



**Deadline to Sign up for Audition**  
(at front counter), then submit:

**Application Form**  
no later than

**August 5, 2023**

For all questions or more information,  
contact: Isis at 817-371-4747 or  
isissd@aol.com

Find us on Facebook! The Wings of Isis Belly Dance Company



# Isis Belly Dance Studio Drum and Dance Jam

## June 3 2023 2 pm - 4 pm

*Hands-on with  
Middle Eastern  
drums,  
rhythms  
and belly dance!*



*Free  
Drum  
Lessons  
with our  
teachers!*



*Drummers  
and Dancers  
of all levels and ages*

*Bring your drum,  
or try one of ours!*

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Promo at Channel 4 for Scarborough Renaissance Festival

2023 Scarborough Renaissance Festival

Drummers & Dancers on the Star Stage and in the parade, Mama Duck Dancers rocking it, and Dancers working it in Belly Dance Treasures

Drummers & Dancers on Idlewyld Stage, on the parapet, doing promos for Channel 33, dancing for a wedding, more promos, the parade, openings, 5 shows a day, and performing as well on the Star Stage! Love you all so much! Isis



below: Belly Dance Treasures - Siara, Colera, Thia, Rhakshanda, Lydia, Azru Benadir, Zusi, Thia, Mariia, Nicole, not pictured: Fae & Lale

Mama Ducks -below & right Mahsati, Zarina with Saule, Amber Lee, Fina



Many MORE PHOTOS coming!



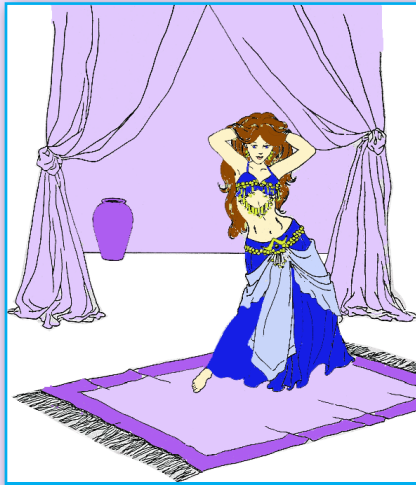


## CURRENT DANCE CLASSES

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 in July::  
Thursday night - 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday morning - 9:00 a.m.
- \* Advanced Beginner Classes in June::  
Monday 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:  
III Tuesday night - 6:30 p.m.  
III Saturday day - 11:15 p.m.
- \* Advanced Combo  
Monday night Combo - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday day Combo - 1:45 p.m.



### Middle Eastern Classes Continued:

- \* RaqsZahrah - Tuesday night - 7:30 p.m.
- \* Isis Performing Company:  
Tuesday night - 8:30 p.m.  
(Second Tuesday when in session)
- \* Raksettes: Wednesday night - 6:30 p.m.
- \* RaqsMaysan - Wednesday night - 7:30 p.m.
- \* Wings of Isis: Wednesday night - 7:30 p.m.

### Hula:

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

### Cultural Dance Team:

- \* Cultural Dance Team - 8:30 p.m.  
(Rehearsals Monday)  
3:00 p.m. Meeting (First Saturday)

## 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 you on her or his registration form, then receives a certificate after the full six months, you will earn a free month of classes!!*

*Pick up your voucher at the front desk immediately after her or his graduation!*

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

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

### THE HAPPENINGS

Please check the Happenings Page on our website ...

It has a complete Calendar of Events

[www.isisandthestardancers.com/Happenings.html](http://www.isisandthestardancers.com/Happenings.html)

### THE STAR DANCER NEWSLETTER

can be found on a regular basis:

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### LIKE US on FACEBOOK

*And please pass it on to your friends -  
we'll update as often as we can!!*



Isis Academy of Performing Arts

The Wings of Isis Belly Dance Company

Belly Dance with Isis Star Dancer

Drums of Isis

## PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE - ISIS STUDIO

Working on your solo ... or Auditions for Festivals, Haflas, Competitions or Yalla Raqs the Palace, 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.

### MISHAEL

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



### LYNX

Excellent with props, popular RestaurantDancer. Skilled with both Fusion & Cabaret. Solo, Musical & Duet Competition winner. Instructor Troupe Winner Yalla Raqs. Wings of Isis



### SAFIRA

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



### ZANN

Beginner and Intermediate Drum Instructor - Professional Musician & Professional at Scarborough Renaissance Festival



### MALACHI

Advanced Drum Instructor Professional Musician & Professional at Scarborough Renaissance Festival.



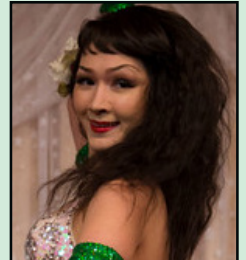
### MAHSATI

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



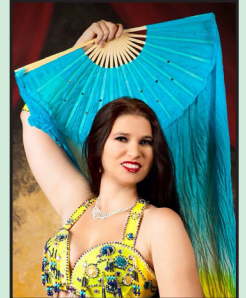
### ROSANNA SETU

Fusion workshop instructor, Wings of Isis and multi-competition winner - Solos, Duet, Troupe - the perfect dancer for fluidity and juicy moves - opened for Zoe Jakes and Beats Antique Show. Wings of Isis



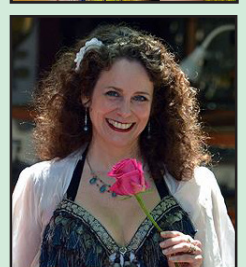
### PERSEPHONE

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



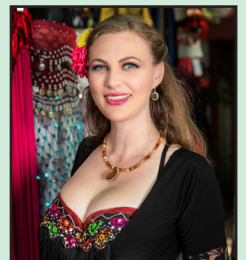
### ISABELLA

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



### AMBER LEE

Knows all the choreographies from Advanced I through III and is very detailed in breaking them down. Raksettes, PPC Raqs Maysan, Cultural Dance Team



### GHAVAL

Knows most of the choreographies from Advanced I through III and is very detailed in breaking them down. Duet & Troupe Competition Winner. PPC Raqs Zahrah



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUMMER Celebrations ...**

**GRADUATIONS - June**  
**NEW BEGINNERS Belly Dance July**  
**NEW BEGINNER Drum July**

**WORKSHOPS:**  
 \* GREEK DEBKE  
 \* ZILLS  
 \* JEN DRUMS  
 \* RESTAURANT DANCING SKILLS

**\*WINGS OF ISIS AUDITIONS**  
**\*RAQS ZAHRAH AUDITIONS**  
**\*RAQS MAYSAN AUDITIONS**

**SUMMER EVENT**  
**\*YALLA RAQS THE PALACE JULY 28-30**



## MAY 2023

- May 2**  
Mayfest Festival Rehearsal - 7:30 pm - Tuesday
- May 6**  
Cultural Dance Team Meeting - 3:00 pm
- May 7**  
Mayfest Festival - Fort Worth - Time TBA
- May 14**  
Mother's Day

- May (dates TBA)**  
Cultural Dance Team Rehearsals - Tuesday 8:30 pm
- May 27-29**  
Last Weekend of Scarborough Renaissance Festival Season!!

**May 29 STUDIO CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

## JUNE 2023



- June 1**  
Yalla Raqs Competition - Deadlines
- June 3**  
Debke Workshop - 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- June 3**  
Consignment Sale - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- June 3**  
Drum Jam - 2 pm - 4 pm
- June 4**  
Yalla Raqs the Palace Staff Meeting
- June 10 - 11**  
Auditions for Yalla Raqs (Solos, Duets, Trios plus)
- June 14-July 19**  
Young Girls 6 week classes - 5:30-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:15 pm

- June 17** Zill Workshop - 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- June 17**  
Beginner Belly Dance Graduation Dress Rehearsal - 9:00 am Saturday
- June 18 - Fathers Day**
- June 19 - 24**  
Class Dress Rehearsals/Photos for Yalla Raqs the Palace 2023
- June 22**  
Beginner Belly Dance Dress Rehearsal - 6:30 pm Thursday
- June 24**  
Beginner Belly Dance Graduation - Saturday - 9:30 am
- June 29**  
Beginner Belly Dance Graduation - Thursday - 7:00 pm



## JULY 2023

**Tuesday, JULY 4 - STUDIO CLOSED for INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**  
**Classes are Monday, July 3**

- July 6**  
New Beginner - 6:30 pm
- July 19**  
Young Girls Graduation(s)

- July 1**  
New Beginners Belly Dance - 9:00 am
- July 1**  
New Beginners Drum - 1:30 pm
- July 1**  
CDT Meeting - 3:00 pm

**★ YAA RAQS THE PALACE- July 28 - 30 PALACE THEATER & THE VINE ★**

**July 31 Studio closed Monday** for YALLA RAQS Unwinding - dance classes invited to do make-ups Thursday or Saturday.