



Suzanna

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Specializing in Raqs Balady (“belly dance”) Suzanna is a multidisciplinary and international performer, teacher, and producer with decades of experience in Middle Eastern, African, jazz, contemporary, ballet, theatre, fitness, and more. Through belly dance she manifests her passion to build community and celebrate the creative and feminine spirit, teaching and performing as a soloist and company dancer for over 18 years, pioneering award-winning cultural events, and traveling the world. Among thousands of engagements, below is a list of highlights. For booking contact planetsuzanna@gmail.com.

Stages & Events

Spanish Ballroom (Tacoma, WA)

Featured soloist in “Yallah!” by Tacoma Dance Studios, August 2024

Rendezvous Theater

Fusion soloist in “Legendary” show, August 2024

Julia’s on Broadway

Guest soloist, Sept. 2019, 2021, and NYE 2022

RakasaFit™ Presentations

Gala Show in Budapest, Feb. 2020

Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival, Sept. 2022-23

Belly Dance Off at Teatro ZinZanni Seattle, Tony Starlight Showroom (Portland), The Royal Room, and more

Organized and hosted 24 shows in 9 venues, 2010-22

Bellydance Intersections at Chapel Performance Space

Organizer and performer, July 2019

Seattle International Dance Festival

Organized and performed group and solo acts, 2013-16

Broadway Performance Hall

Soloist and co-producer in events, March 2011-Jan 2016

Director/Producer of Cinderella-A Global Story

Angle Lake Park, July 2017 and Aug. 2013

O-Space (Vashon Island), March 2014

Forge Dance Theatre (soloist and company member)

Langston Hughes Performing Arts and other stages, Oct. 2014-Sept. 2015

DanceGarden at Neptune Theatre

Soloist with live percussionists, July 2015

Featured soloist with House of Tarab concerts

Olympic Performance Hall, Columbia City Theatre, Visionary Dance Studio, and more, 2008-2023

Bellevue Arts Museum, Community College, and Square

Designed showcase and performed July 2015, June 2014, April 2009, and Oct. 2008.

4th of July Gala in Kalispell, Montana

Soloist among national and celebrity acts, July 2015

Seattle Center

World Rhythm Festival (workshops + shows), 2006-17

Arts Crush Rush, Sept 2014

Arts & Social Change Symposium, Oct 2012

Folklife Festival, (group and solo), 2010-11

Winterfest (workshop + shows), Dec 2009 and 2006

Arab Festival (wkshp & shows); 2015, 2007, and 2005

Resident performer at more than 20 dining and

nightlife venues since 2004, including Harissa, Marrakesh, Costa Opa, Kolbeh, Mamounia, and more.

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Workshops & Classes

Seattle Movement Arts Center

Resident instructor 2023-2024

RakasaFit™ Core Fitness Belly Dance Workout

Founder and Instructor – Classes 2017-2024

Instructor training, Seattle 2018 & 2022, Budapest 2020, and online

Workshops in Africa (Senegal)

The Dance Hall – March 2022, Jan/Feb 2023

Olympique Club – March 2022

Youth Performance Project on Gorée Island – Dec. 2020

Serena Fitness – Nov. 2017

Allegro Performing Arts Academy

Workshops for youth dance teams, Nov. 2021

Gates Foundation and Starbucks Headquarters

Employee fitness, Dec. 2018-Jan. 2020

Alive Juice Bar

Classes and workshops, May 2017-April 2020

Mercer Island Community Center, March 2014-July 2017

Kalani Retreat Center, Workshop in Hawaii, Oct 2016

Seattle Public Theatre, Teen workshops, June-Aug 2014

Belltown Ballet, Classes and workshops, 2010-14

Westlake Dance Center

Classes and workshops, June 2009-Feb 2011; Sept 2015

Saqra’s Festival Showcase – Workshop in Oregon, April 2011

World Rhythm Festival, April 2006-10

Crimson Theatre at Little Red Bistro, Classes 2009-10

Ravenna Eckstein Community CentSer, Classes 2007-08

Arab Festival, Workshop and performance, Aug. 2007

Northeastern WA Workshops; July & Dec 2006, May 2007

Momentum Pilates & Movement, Sept 2004-March 2006

Private coaching by arrangement, 2004-Present

Located in the Seattle area unless otherwise indicated.

Stages & Events (continued)

Pena Pachama (San Francisco)

With Georges Lammam, May 2013

4Culture Concert on North Africa

Seattle Center Playhouse, Sept 2012

Seasons Performance Hall (Yakima, WA)

Designed showcase and performed, Nov. 2012

Evergreen State College

Folkloric solo set with live music, June 2012

Missouri Southern State University

In concert with Nalini and MB Orchestra, Nov. 2011

Fleurs d’Egypt Dance Company

Can Can, Amore, Jewelbox, and other venues; Jan-July 2011, July 2017

Amira’s Belly Dance Spectacular

Solos and with company; May 2012 and 2011, Oct 2010, and June 2019

Shorecrest Performing Arts

Annual show with students by Westlake Dance Center, Jan 2010 and 2011

Bollywood show by Indian Arts & Heritage Society, Sept 2005

Gala Show honoring Mahmoud Reda

Solo at Kent-Meridian Performing Arts, Aug 2010

Ahlan Cairo Nights Festival (Dallas, TX)

Showcase performances, July 2010

UW Ethnic Cultural Center Theatre

Co-produced Hathor Unveiled, March 2010

Co-produced and performed Raquy and the Cavemen, Oct. 2009

Habesha Restaurant & Lounge

Organized and performed monthly world dance and music shows, Jan 2008-Dec 2009

Seattle Art Museum’s “Passion Party”

King Cat Theatre, Feb 2009

World Dance Showcase

Produced and hosted monthly at The Northside Grill, Aug 2007-Oct 2008

Arts Gumbo, Rainier Valley Cultural Center

Duet and solo with MB Orchestra, Sept 2006

I Heart Shiva at the Baltic Room

Designed and performed immersive dance experiences, solo and ensemble, 2004-05

Culture Shock at Western Washington University

With Hands of Fatima, April 2005

Bagley Elementary School

Organized and performed cultural presentation, March 2005

Tsunami Relief Benefit at UW Kane Hall

Designed pieces and performed with multiple artists, March 2005

Training

Mohanned Hawaz, May 2022

Mercedes Nieto, Jan 2017

Mariama (of Mexico), June 2016

Mahmoud Reda; Aug 2011 & 2010 (Seattle), Nov 2008 and 2006 (Egypt)

Farida Fahmy, Nov 2008 and 2006 (Egypt)

Randa Kamel, March 2010 (Washington, DC)

Ahlan Cairo Nights Festival, July 2010 (Dallas)

Yasser Al Swery and Nour

Tito Seif; Sept 2008 (Seattle), August 2007 (Vegas), Nov 2008 and 2006 (Egypt)

Leila of Cairo; Feb 2009 (Seattle), Nov 2008 and 2006 (Egypt)

Aida Nour; Aug 2007 (Vegas), 2008 and 2006 (Egypt)

Lubna Emam; Aug 2007 (Vegas), Nov 2008 and 2006 (Egypt)

Yousry Sharif, Oct 2008 (Seattle) and Nov 2008 (Egypt)

Nile Group Festival, Nov 2008 and 2006 (Egypt)

Hassan Khalil, Ahmed El Seuassy, Freiz, Liza Laziza, Magdy El Leisy, Nour, and Egypt instructors referenced above.

Delilah, 2004 and 2008 (Seattle)

Elisa Gamal, 2008

Karim Nagi (privates and workshops), 2013 and 2007

Hadia of Montreal; Aug 2007 (Vegas), March 2007 (Olympia), Aug 2006 (Seattle), 2005 (Canada and Portland)

Nath Keo (privates and workshops); April 2008 and 2007 (Seattle), Aug 2005 and 2004 (Canada)

Sonia Ochoa and Issam Houshan, Jan 2007 (Portland)

Jillina, April 2006 (Seattle)

Suhaila Format, Oct 2006 (Seattle)

Tamalyn Dallal, 2014 and 2004 (Seattle)

Morocco of NYC, 2005 and 2004 (Seattle)

Amir Thaleb 2004 (Canada)

Astryd Farrah 2008 and 2003 (Seattle)

Saqra (weekly classes), 2002-04 (Kent, WA)

Zarouhi Otchy (privates and classes), 1993-95 (Portland)

Additional training in ballet (10 yrs), jazz (15 yrs), West African (10 yrs), contemporary & lyrical (7 yrs), hip hop (2 yrs), and other styles at universities and private studios throughout the NW and Africa.

BA in Theatre Arts, Portland State University, 1996

Arts leadership, media communications, and other professional development workshops since 2002.