



### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2018.

My name is Shira, Owner of Bellydance Academy Gold Coast/ Sheherazade Belly Dancing.

I'm very pleased to present here our monthly activity updates, and would love to hear from you with any questions you might have about classes or booking a belly dancer/s for your special event or anything to do with the art of belly dancing!

Watch this space for my upcoming Workshop – "Behind the Veil" discovering your inner femininity and self expression, opening your heart and feeling confident. No prior dancing is necessary.

All belly dance classes start from 22nd January. I'm so thrilled to present new and fresh ideas that I've been working on in the holidays, and sharing my love of dance. Bring a friend along and have a great time!

I wish you all a successful year of dance!

In Light & Love, Shira xx

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Sheherazade and King Shariyar in Moonlight at the Oasis VI - Sheherazade's Tales of 1001 Nights





#### 4CRB INTERVIEW

On the 29th of December I was interviewed by the 4CRB radio station. They were interviewing local dancers, and for their "Dancing in the Kitchen" theme they chose belly dancing. The team at the station were wonderful.

## **NEW YEARS EVE**

New Years Eve 2017 was a busy one for Alexandra and I. First stop was Mecca Bah in Broadbeach for my solo performance, then I met Alexandra at Seachange Resort in Arundel for our gig at their New Years Eve party. It was a Moroccan themed night, and all the guests were dressed up. Many had photos taken with us in the tent after we had danced. We were warmly received, and stayed on to celebrate the new year.



# EXCITING NEWS

I'm very excited to announce the launch of a wonderful new venue, Al Medina - Mediterranean & Middle Eastern Restaurant.

Every Friday night the venue comes alive with a belly dance performance at 9:00pm, including guest participation. It's so much fun to dance in the open air under the stars in the heart of Surfers Paradise.

Come and say hello and relax in the beautiful ambiance in the shisha lounge. We congratulate them for their work in creating their stunning venue, made complete with a relaxed, spacious outdoor setting.

We will also be having our regular "Hafla" belly dance dinner and dance functions at Al Medina. We are so excited! The address is 42 Cavill Avenue, Surfers Paradise, next to Melba's.

January 2018



# FEATURED DANCER - ALEXANDRA PRESTON

Celebrating 10 years with the Belly Dance Academy Gold Coast is our featured dancer for January 2018, Alexandra Preston!

Alexandra has been a member of the Stars of the Sahara troupe since its beginning in 2012, and regularly performs at functions and charity events. Her favourite prop to dance with is the wings, and has been enjoying the LED light wings since the troupe received some to share in 2017.

Last year, Alexandra has taken the challenge of learning to dance with the silk double veils, as well as performing in five dances for the Moonlight at the Oasis concert. Her repertoire of choreographies and quick costume changes surely helped Sheherazade to charm the king.

Alexandra is also passionate about helping others achieve optimal health, and so is a degree-qualified naturopath with an office in Bundall. Her business includes both clinical practice and freelance writing, mostly for other natural health businesses, and it is because of her that this newsletter is possible.

#### GIGS JANUARY 2018

New Year's Eve Gig - Seachange Resort

Every Friday Night Al Medina

Rumi Persian Restaurant

Indian Empire

Wedding

Hen's Party

An Arabian Night with Sheherazade 9th March at Bumbles Cafe



Joel and the Stars of the Sahara troupe as King Shariyar and his harem.



The princesses help Sheherazade charm the king with her tales.

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## **Belly Dance Time Table 2018**

Term 1 Classes start 22nd January

MONDAY

Robina Community Centre Intermediate - 7:15 pm Advanced/ Troupe - 8:15 pm

#### TUESDAY HIMALAYAN SALT S302 / 05,056

Robina Community Centre Beginners/ Beyond - 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Southport Community Centre Beginners/ Beyond - 6:30 pm Intermediate - 7:30 pm

#### **THURSDAY**

Helensvale Library & Cultural Centre Beginners/ Beyond/ Basic Intermediate 5:30 pm 10 week term \$150 - Casual \$20

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