



## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

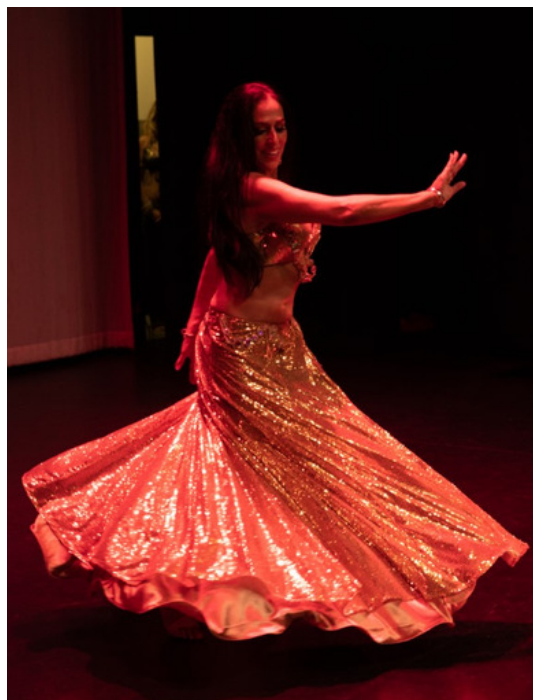
Greetings,

The Bellydance Academy Gold Coast wishes everyone a Happy New Year. We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday and feel rejuvenated for a productive year ahead.

We look forward to an amazing 2019, and would love to see you join us. If you would like to enrol for classes, see the timetable on page 4 and visit [www.bellydancegoldcoast.com.au](http://www.bellydancegoldcoast.com.au) to book now.

In light & love,

*Shira* xx



Top: *The Stars of the Sahara* at our 7th Moonlight at the Oasis concert.  
Bottom left: *The Dreams of the Desert*.

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*Clockwise from top left: School of Kathak Dance; LaKita; Angelina; Steven Theodosis; The Stars of the Sahara; Katherine Vernon-Lee*

## MOONLIGHT AT THE OASIS VII

Our end of year concert, Moonlight at the Oasis VII: Quest for the Goddess, was dedicated to the power and unique gifts within us all. We are proud of all participating students, each bringing their own styles and talents to demonstrate the meaning of our 2018 theme. Many of our beginners performed for the first time, some after a few weeks of classes. We had goddesses (and gods) of classical Oriental, tribal and modern fusion, hip hop fusion, Kathak dance and even magic!

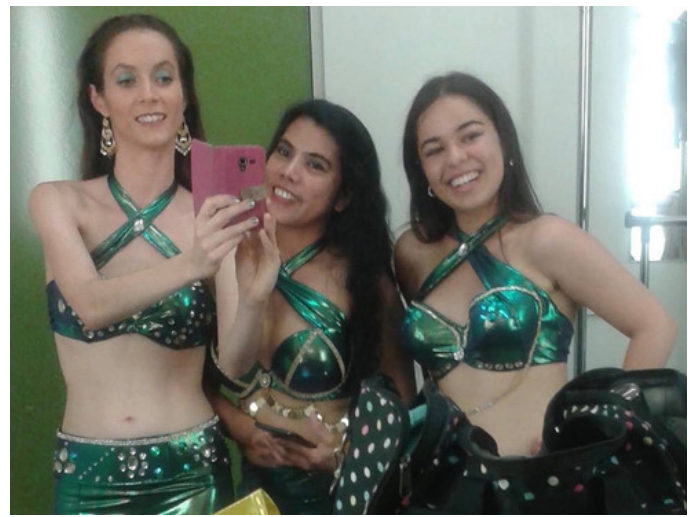
Thank you to everyone that came and supported our 7th Moonlight at the Oasis concert. Everyone loved the new venue at the Helensvale Community Centre. A big congratulations to all my students that worked hard to make the concert so beautiful and memorable.

We have already booked the venue for this years' Moonlight at the Oasis VIII on Sunday 27th October, 4:30–6:30 pm, at the Helensvale Community Centre, so please save the date.



## JASMINE'S WORKSHOP

Our girls had the opportunity to learn something new on the 26th of November, with Jasmine joining us from Byron Bay to share her skills in modern fusion. We loved her dynamic, soulful lesson and choreography.



## HELENSVALE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the 7th of December, Alexandra, Evelina and Joi performed at a community Christmas event. They were well-received by both audience members and staff, with one event manager describing the girls as "a perfect example of why we put the concert on as we want to celebrate our diverse dance and vocal groups at the centre and bring awareness of the concerts and shows we have for the Community to enjoy."



## AHMED THE DRUMMER

We finally found a drummer! The girls and I were delighted to meet Ahmed, a classically trained Egyptian drummer who came as a guest to one of our Robina classes. Ahmed demonstrated some of the most popular beats used in Middle Eastern music, giving us some much-enjoyed improvisation practice.

## 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Bellydance Academy Gold Coast celebrated Christmas 2018 at Gypo's, a new Egyptian restaurant in Southport. Some girls, as well as Sababa, performed their Moonlight at the Oasis acts, while Joel Hinton danced the zouk. Ahmed played the tabla for Shira alongside his wife, Naoko, on the daf.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

13th January: Belly Dance Summer Workout

Time: 11:30 to 1:30 pm

Feel rejuvenated and energised in this post-Christmas and New Year fun and powerful Belly Dance Workout. Get pumped, motivated and inspired with a fast and invigorating belly dance routine.

Take it at your own pace or go hard core. You will feel ignited, strong and fabulous!

A special warm up will incorporate double (two) veils (extra veils will be provided on the day).

Suitable for all dance levels.

For bookings, call 0400 881 815



*Our end of year celebration cake.*

## *Timetable*

Term 1 - 28th January to 4th April 2019

### MONDAY

Robina Community Centre

Intermediate: 7:15 pm

Advanced / Troupe: 8:15 pm

### TUESDAY

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: 5:30 pm

10 week term \$150 - Casual \$20

BOOKINGS: 0400 881 815

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