

# Jasmin Jahal

Professional Middle Eastern Dancer, Instructor, Choreographer, Producer  
Lifetime expertise in Classical oriental and traditional folkloric dance  
of Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, and other countries of the Near and Middle East

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## Performance Experience

1978 to present

- Concert Soloist and Nightclub performer throughout North America, Central America, Europe and Middle East, Sep 1978 to present
- Appeared on Television, Radio and Film in the U.S. and Europe, Sep 1993 to present
- Museums, Libraries, Educational venues throughout U.S. and Europe, Sep 1993 to present
- Nightclub performer and Cruise Ship entertainment in the U.S., Europe and Middle East, 1985 to 2003

## Mentor and Artistic Director

2021 to present

- Sakkara Dance Teachers' Course

## Artistic Director and Choreographer

1987 to 2020

- Jasmin Jahal Dance Company, Jan 2005 - 2020
- Ward el Sahara (Flowers of the Desert) Dance Company, 1999 - 2002
- Desert Moon Middle Eastern Dance Company of Chicago, 1987 - 1998

## Dance Studio Owner

1994 to 2019

- Oasis Studio for Dance & Fitness, Jan 2017-Sep 2019
- Jasmin Jahal School of Dance, Chicago, Illinois, Mar 2001-Jan 2017
- Jasmin Jahal Center for International Dance, Des Plaines, Illinois, Sep 94 - Sep 96

## Published Author/Writer

1998 to present

- "Belly Dancing Blog", monthly blog
- "Belly Dance Chronicles", featured columnist
- "Dance Teacher Magazine", article of the only featured Middle Eastern dancer
- "Jasmin's Jareeda", producer
- "Audrena's Newsletter", Editor and staff writer
- Published print and virtual Magazine Articles in Caravan Magazine, Shimmy Chronicles, and Bhuz.com

## Guest Artist for Workshops, Lectures and Demonstrations

1991 to present

- Privately sponsored seminars and shows throughout U.S., Egypt and Europe
- Schools of all levels, including grammar schools, high schools, fine arts colleges and universities in U.S. and U.S.V.I.
- Libraries, Educational venues, Park Districts, Multi-cultural events

**Jasmin Jahal Method of Oriental Dance Certification Program** **2006 to 2020**

**Producer of Professional Dance DVD and CDs** **1994 to 2008**

- "Reach for the Stars" Volumes 1 and 2, Instructional DVDs
- "Jasmin Jahal Live", Performance Videotape filmed in Vienna, Austria
- "Sadaqa Al Banat", Performance videotape filmed in Stuttgart, Germany
- "Ahlam Jasmin", Audio CD of Egyptian dance music produced in Cairo, Egypt

**Producer of Middle Eastern dance seminars and shows** **1989 to present**

**Dance Instructor** **1983 to present**

- University of Illinois Chicago
- Dance studios, universities and park districts throughout Chicago and suburbs

### Awards

- Dance Teacher Magazine, 2002
- "Best of Chicago", Chicago Magazine 2003
- "Best Modern Egyptian Dancer", IAMED 2003
- "Best Entertainment Film", IAMED 2005
- "Instructor of the Year", Zaghareet Magazine 2002

**Social Justice** **2003 to 2020**

Featured Artist and Performer in "Breaking Criminal Traditions", Raising awareness through Arts of Women in Third World countries

### Media

- YouTube channel: <https://www.YouTube.com/JasminJahal>
- Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/PureRaksBellyDanceWithJasminJahal>
- Instagram: @JasminJahal
- Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/jasminjahal/pure-raks-belly-dance>

### Education

- **Middle Eastern dance studies** from 1978 to 1998, mentoring with Ibrahim Farrah, former artistic director of the "Near East Theatre of Dance" & editor of "Arabesque" Magazine, New York, NY, and with Mahmoud Reda, former Vice Minister of Cultural Affairs and artistic director of the "Reda Dance Troupe", Egypt
- **Classical dance education** specializing in ballet and pointe, modern and jazz, including Barat College, Lake Forest, IL and Ellis-Du Boulay Ballet, Chicago, IL
- **De Paul University**, B.S. Communications & B.S. Computer Science
- **Barbizon School of Modeling**, Chicago, IL