

Jasmin Jahal

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

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

Artistic Director and Choreographer

1987 to present

- Jasmin Jahal Dance Company, Jan 2005 to present
- 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 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 articles in various dance magazines, such as Caravan Magazine, as well as for the internet magazine 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

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 present

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](https://www.Instagram.com/@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