

*Tonya & Atlantis Proudly Present the 20th Annual:*  
**BELLY DANCER OF THE UNIVERSE COMPETITION**

♥ *February 13 & 14, 2010* ♥

Valentine's Day & President's Day Weekend

10 Categories of Competition for Adults & Kids /  
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***Suhaila & Sadie will be teaching and performing BOTH DAYS!***

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Saturday 1-hr Classes: *Amaya ~ Lee Ali ~ Helena Vlahos*  
Sunday 1-hr Classes: *Jayna & Marta ~ Helena Vlahos ~ Princess Farhana*

♥ ***BDUC Stellar Celebrity Judging & Performing Panel for 2010:*** ♥

Aisha Ali ~ Amaya ~ Amina Goodyear ~ Anisa ~ Angelika Nemeth ~  
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BDUC will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center -  
300 East Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA USA



# Saturday

## **Group Preliminary (10:00am - 12:00 noon):**

Ahgaar Karyma (Mexico) ~ Alyeeza & Julia (NY) ~ Babylon Mood (CA) ~  
Jamali Bellydance Trio (CA) ~ Jewels of Miehana (CA) ~ Lila-Licious (CA) ~  
Raks A'Diva Dance Troupe (CA) ~ Raks Bahlam (CA) ~  
Raksanna & The Desert Flames (IL) ~ Shalabiya (CA) ~  
Stardancers (TX) ~ Viridiana & Roxanna (CA) ~

## **Universal Preliminary (12:30pm - 1:30pm):**

Aazua Nour (CA) ~ Alyeeza (NY) ~ Ericka (Costa Rica) ~ Hadiyah (CA) ~  
Kendra (OR) ~ Mandanah (NV) ~ Maria (CA) ~  
Maria (TX) ~ MikaElla (CA) ~ Mireya Yamilet (PR) ~ Rachel (CA) ~  
Samarra Lebanon (AZ) ~ Sarianna (CA)

## **Egyptian Preliminary (1:30pm - 4:00pm):**

Alheena (Mexico) ~ Amani (CA) ~ Dilek (CA) ~ Evangeline (CA) ~ Gina (GA) ~  
Grinnely (Mexico) ~ Inna (IA) ~ Isabel (CA) ~ Jane Yee Shan (Taiwan) ~  
Kataya (CA) ~ Kede (TX) ~ Kendra (OR) ~ Kenya (NY) ~ Lucia (CA) ~  
Maiara (CA) ~ Maria (TX) ~ Marlena (CA) ~ Masha (CA) ~  
Mireya Yamilet (PR) ~ Nayan (CA) ~ Raksanna (IL) ~ Rosalba (CA) ~  
Sumaia (CA) ~ Vilma (CA) ~ Zondra (GA) ~

## **Doors Closed 4:00 to 6:00pm - Show Starts at 6:30pm**

## **Group Finals (6:40pm -7:15pm)**

## **Taxim Solo (7:15pm - 8:15pm):**

Anais (FL) ~ Ina Dimitrova (BULGARIA) ~ Inna (IA) ~ Jane Yee Shan (Taiwan) ~  
Kataya (CA) ~ Keren (AZ) ~ Tiaja (CA) ~ Zondra (GA)

## **Speciality Props (8:15pm - 9:15pm):**

Alyeeza (NY) ~ Ina Dimitrova (BULGARIA) ~ Jane Yee Shan (Taiwan) ~  
Jessica Joshi (FL) ~ Keren (AZ) ~ Mireya Yamilet (PR) ~ Nandi (NC) ~  
Roxy (AZ) ~ Sidonya (TX) ~ Sumaia (CA) ~ Valentina (CA) ~ Zondra (GA)

# Judges Celebrity Show

Saturday 9:30PM

AISHA ALI ~ AMAYA ~ ANISA ~ ANGELIKA NEMETH ~  
ASHANA HANADA ~ HEATHER SHOOPMAN ~ HELENA VLAHOS ~ JAYNA ~  
LEE ALI ~ MARUSHKA ~ MA\*SHUQA MIRA MURJAN ~ MESMERA ~  
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Tonya's outstanding contributions to the Middle Eastern Dance Community has made her one of the cornerstones of our industry. - Harry Saroyan



I have always been proud to have participated in BDUC and know that it was helpful in my career, so THANKS!!! - Jillina



I remember being at the Pasha Restaurant in San Francisco with fellow Giza Club/Aswan Dancers watching this great fun bellydancing duet. The dancers were wearing the most outrageous costumes right out of 21st century Melrose - kind of black and cutting edge in every way imaginable. My friends told me that they were a mother/daughter team from Southern California. I asked "Which one's the mother?" Little was I to know that these two incredible women would become a big part of my life in friendship and inspiration.

Much love and Congratulations on BDUC's 20th anniversary. - Amina Goodyear



Thank You. . .We had a great time! I felt that this is one of the BEST Run events I have ever been to in all of my years of photography. - Carl Sermon



I want to congratulate Atlantis & Tonya for the excellent organization during the competition. It was a lot of fun and I had a blast!!! I came back to Puerto Rico very excited with my performance and extremely happy with the treatment that I received from everyone during the competitions. - Mireya Yamilet



The very first BDUC was also the very first belly dance event I ever attended. As a baby dancer, I didn't know Tonya and Atlantis, but I was dazzled beyond belief by the amazing performers, the gorgeous costumes and the beautiful music! Twenty years later, I still feel the same about everything....But the part that REALLY dazzles me now is that not only have Tonya and Atlantis believed in me since the beginning, they gave me my stage name, and have been my good friends for the better part of two decades, and that I have been a part of this incredible event for years!

Congratulations on your wonderful anniversary, and wishing you both continued success for another twenty years! - Princess Farhana



I had a safe trip back to Russia and here I am writing to you to say THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH for this wonderful event that you prepared for all of us!!! BDUC 2009 couldn't be any better!!! That was a great honor for me to take part in this competition! I feel soooo happy to finally meet you and get acquainted with you!! I was amazed by the organization of the event and the friendly atmosphere in the dressing rooms and in the Competition in general! I was amazed by all of the contestants' proficiency in dancing!

You did a great job! I was thinking about that you should get a trophy for perfect organization of the event! :) - Guzel Gilmeeva

Last December I had the chance to be in the Tonya's workshop in Costa Rica and it really was an unforgettable experience and a real honor to know and share with an unbelievable and wonderful person as Tonya is, who is an impassable dancer and instructor and she gave a new twist to the knowledge that each one of us had (or thought we had) about this art. And like she should say: Bravo Tonya! And thanks for sharing a little bit of your vast knowledge with us. - Katiana Rivera



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I have seen Tonya watching the dance with tears in her eyes, consumed by the beauty of what she was experiencing, and had the pleasure of hearing her describing the music and the dance with her silver tongue. I have also had the great privilege of witnessing her interpreting the music through her dance - to the point of genius. Our paths became joined by mutual interests and respect; we have continued to be close by reason of love for our dance art - and for each other. Godspeed, Tonya! Twenty more, at the very least! - Marta Schill



★ Come join us every **WEDNESDAY** evening!  
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You never cease to amaze me with your organizational skills. The Belly Dancer of the Universe Competition was a great success again this year. There was so much excitement in the air! When I was not judging I was in the audience enjoying the contestants in their amazing shows. Some were so creative and threw in some surprises. The surprises are what makes an audience notice one performer above another.

Making the event even more fantastic for me were all the vendors, including John Bilezikjian, Ali, Emil, Liliana of Belly Dance, A Raqs Sharqi Magazine, Andrea Farese, Miles Copeland and many others. They do add a lot of color and sparkle to the event.

I really enjoyed the Celebrity Show! So much fame and talent under one roof! WOW! Thank you so much for everything! - Helena Vlahos



I like to Thank You for the highly organized and professional event with wonderful judges. I am very happy to be part of this competition, meeting new amazing dancers. Hope to see you again. - Dilek



Tonya, I have been in love with you for 35 years and you are my special dancer and person and always will be in my heart. I am amazed at your many talents and gifts as well and together I think we made and make a great team. I am proud to be a part of that team with you. - John Bilezikjian



Most of us know Tonya as a multi-award winning dancer and promoter. Tonya's expertise and talent is revealed with every presentation she produces. I met both Tonya and Atlantis in 1994 when I attended my first Belly Dancer of the Universe Competition. I was in awe of this superstar and her dynamic daughter.

But, what has impressed me the most throughout the years about Tonya is her ability to stop in the midst of organizing, coordinating, performing, greeting and being the hostess of a huge event to focus on one person and say "Hello." And from there inquire with a wonderful memory and concern as to how the members of your family may be. The event whirls around her, but for that moment, she is focused on you. Tonya allows everyone around her to feel special. - Maryann Marula



Thanks for the beautiful party and everything else. Your dance was great - you are the only one who understands and interprets my music right. It has been a long-lasting friendship. Congratulations! - Dr. Samy Farag

Sunday



**Little (10:00am):** Melanie Mir (PR)

**BDUC Champions:**

**10:15:** Taji (Universal 2001) ~ **10:30:** Dilek (Universal 2009) ~

**10:45:** Ana (Divine 2007)

**Junior Solo (11:00am):**

Kat (CA) ~ Marcella (CA) ~ Punkin' (CA) ~ Shanti Feyrouz (CA) ~ Wiiz (CA)

**BDUC Champions:**

**11:30:** Marula (Divine 1998) ~ **11:45:** Maryam (Egyptian 2009)

**Drum Solo (12:00 noon - 2:00pm):**

Apsara (CA) ~ Celestia (CA) ~ Ericka (Costa Rica) ~ Evangeline (CA) ~ Gina (GA) ~ Inna (IA) ~ Jane Yee Shan (Taiwan) ~ Jessica Joshi (FL) ~ Kataya (CA) ~ Kenya (NY) ~ Lapis (CA) ~ Maiara (CA) ~ Maria (TX) ~ Masha (CA) ~ Nandi (NC) ~ Ninyshka (CA) ~ Racheal (CA) ~ Safira (TX) ~ Viridiana (MEXICO) ~ Zondra (GA)

**Fusion Solo (2:00pm - 4:00pm):**

Amani Jabril (GA) ~ Apsara (CA) ~ Eliza (CA) ~ Gina (GA) ~ Jane Yee Shan (Taiwan) ~ Kellie (CA) ~ Keren (AZ) ~ Khuzama (PA) ~ Lucia (CA) ~ Maria (TX) ~ Mireya Yamilet (PR) ~ Racheal (CA) ~ Rachel Florence (CA) ~ Tiaja (CA) ~ Tracy (CA) ~ Valentina (CA) ~ Zondra (GA)

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**Egyptian Finals: 6:45pm - 7:15pm**

**ATLANTIS: 7:15pm - 7:30pm**

**Universal Finals: 7:30pm - 8:15pm**

**SADIE: 8:30pm - 8:40pm**

**Champion of Champions: 8:45pm - 9:45pm**

**ISABELLA & SUHAILA: 10:00pm - 10:10pm**

**Award Champion of Champions: 10:10pm**

*See you for our 21st Annual Bellydancer of the Universe:  
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*Thanks to our Family, Friends, and All that made this event possible. God Bless.*

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