

Jawaahir Dance Company

Dance to move the spirit and stir the senses

Welcome to Jawaahir Dance Company!

Jawaahir, which means "jewels" in Arabic, presents a multi-faceted repertoire of Middle Eastern dances — **traditional folk dances** set to authentic music, and **contemporary dances** whose music and movements are a fusion of Arabic and Western elements. From the lively rhythms of rural Egypt to the glittering courts of the Ottoman empire, from a dramatic North African ritual to an exuberant Arabian party, Jawaahir captures the essential spirit of Middle Eastern Dance — **a celebration of life!**

Jawaahir has brought the beauty and artistry of Middle Eastern dance to tens of thousands of people throughout the country, performing in a wide variety of settings including formal theaters, school and university settings, community centers, and neighborhood festivals. We offer a **variety of performance options** with either full orchestra or recorded music:

- ◆ a 20-minute lecture-demonstration
- ◆ a 45-minute cultural experience with audience participation
- ◆ a two-hour theater performance

Whatever the format, performances by Jawaahir are always **entertaining, enlightening, and engaging** for all ages.

Jawaahir strives for the highest level of quality and authenticity in everything we do. All dances, music, and costumes are presented in **authentic Middle Eastern style**. Artistic Director Cassandra Shore has made over a dozen research trips to the Middle East, and has studied with the finest teachers and choreographers of Middle Eastern dance. Today, Ms. Shore has an international reputation as a master teacher, star performer, and creative artist in the field of Middle Eastern dance. Our **gorgeous, colorful costumes** are meticulously researched and crafted. Every dance is presented in its own unique costume, based on regional styles. Our musicians, who perform on authentic Arabic instruments, include seasoned players from Lebanon, Egypt, and Syria, as well as Americans who have studied traditional styles with world-class teachers.

Enclosed are photos and information to begin your magic carpet ride into another world — the fascinating rhythms, the colorful costumes, and the **infectious sense of joy** that make Jawaahir performances unique. We look forward to working with you to create the **perfect performance package** for your audience, space, and budget.

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