

## Performances

*"..great vibrancy and spirit, and often wit.."  
"..a wider variety of directions than we might have imagined."*

*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

**A feast for the senses — the music is mesmerizing, the costumes sumptuous!** Jawaahir's diverse repertoire will expand your perceptions of Arabic dance. Whether it is presenting a traditional dance with its regional music and costume, or a contemporary dance with modern sensibilities, all dances are presented in authentic Middle Eastern style.

Jawaahir Dance Company has presented dance and music of the Middle East for over 14 years and is the only professional Middle Eastern dance company in the United States with an annual concert season. The Company's rehearsals, and classes at The Cassandra School, are year-round.

Performances by Jawaahir Dance Company are:

- ◆ **Entertaining!** Middle Eastern dance is a celebration of life — energetic and enjoyable, with colorful costumes, lively rhythms, and **an infectious sense of joy**.
- ◆ **Enlightening!** You will hear the traditional rhythms, see the distinctive folk costumes, and experience the expressive dance traditions of Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia.
- ◆ **Affordable!** Jawaahir offers a variety of performance options and will tailor performances to meet your organization's needs and budget. For example, Jawaahir can:
  - Present a program of traditional or contemporary repertoire, or a combination of both.
  - Perform to live or recorded music. (Live music is highly recommended.)
  - Present an evening of dances from a variety of different countries, an evening of Egyptian enchantment, or an evening of fun, creative dances inspired by traditional Arabic themes.
  - Jawaahir's performances adapt to a variety of performance spaces — from simple to sophisticated technical presentations. (A lighting designer is available.)

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## Educational Programs

*"..one of the most respected Arabic dance companies in the country..".*

*Skyway News, Minneapolis*

Jawaahir Dance Company has presented a variety of educational programs on Middle Eastern dance and music for over 14 years. The Company is rostered with three Minnesota educational presenters, **Young Audiences** of Minnesota, **COMPAS** (community programs in the arts), and the **Minnesota State Arts Board Artists in Education** (all require an audition and application process for acceptance). Jawaahir offers a variety of educational programs that can be tailored, in format and content, to meet your community's needs and budget. Whatever the format, Jawaahir's programs are **entertaining, enlightening, and engaging for all ages**.

**Lecture-demonstrations**— dances are introduced and their costumes, movements, and music are demonstrated. This format is ideal for school and community groups.

**Workshops**— from hour-long to day-long, these programs introduce participants to Middle Eastern dance and culture.

**Residencies**— week-long workshop series focusing in-depth on dance technique and its cultural context.

### **Content Options:**

- ◆ Focus on traditional or contemporary dance, on one country or region of the Middle East, or on a variety of regional styles.
- ◆ Teach basic dance and rhythm patterns — can be tailored for dancers and non-dancers alike.
- ◆ Introduce Middle Eastern music and instruments.
- ◆ Delve into the culture, history, and geography of the Middle East.

### **Other options:**

- ◆ Programs can be presented in theatrical venues or in more informal settings such as school gymnasiums and community centers.
- ◆ Flexibility in length from 15 minutes to an hour and a half.
- ◆ Workshops and residencies can be combined with Jawaahir performances.

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## Solo Performances

*“..an expression of beauty and powerful womanliness..”*

*Gaze Magazine, Minneapolis*

**Cassandra Shore**, Artistic Director of Jawaahir Dance Company, began performing Middle Eastern dance in 1975. Today, Cassandra is known as a master teacher, star performer, and creative artist in the field of Middle Eastern dance. She has studied with the finest teachers and choreographers of Middle Eastern dance and has made over a dozen research trips to the Middle East. In 1978, Ms. Shore opened the Cassandra School, which offers classes in technique, choreography, performance skills, dance conditioning, and Arabic language and culture studies. In 1989, she formed Jawaahir Dance Company, which has since been recognized for its groundbreaking repertory of traditional, modern and fusion works of Middle Eastern and contemporary dance. Her work has been rewarded with grants, commissions and awards. She regularly offers workshops, concerts and master classes worldwide, teaching and performing regularly in locations such as Austria, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, and throughout the United States and Canada.

Cassandra offers a variety of performance options and will tailor solo shows to meet your community's needs and budget. For example, Cassandra's presentations can:

- ◆ Be accompanied with live or taped music. (Live music is highly recommended.)
- ◆ Range in length from 15 minutes to an hour and a half
- ◆ Focus on traditional or contemporary repertoire, a combination of both, or focus on distinct regional styles.
- ◆ Combine performances with workshops, residencies, or lecture-demonstrations.
- ◆ Adapt to a variety of performance spaces — from school to dinner theater or performance theater, from simple to sophisticated technical presentations. (A lighting designer is available.)

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