

Dear Friends,

**It's hard to believe another year has flown by!** 2025 has been a year of continued growth and development for Jawaahir Dance Company.

This year, the Company has brought the joy of dance to you at venues and festivals across the Twin Cities and is on the path to do so for many years to come. We have delighted in welcoming current fans as well as new ones!

**Your support throughout the year makes it possible for us to share the beauty of Middle Eastern dance in the community.**

I am thrilled to share that, because of friends, attendees, and donors like you, JDC has established annual programming. In 2025, we returned to Elision Playhouse for our Summer Soiree featuring an eclectic and diverse mix of talent from the Twin Cities area and beyond. Special guests Zahra Zuhair and Sadie performed and led workshops throughout the following weekend following the Soiree. We welcomed local artists Ethnic Dance Theatre, Keane Sense of Rhythm, Nilay, Nritya Kalakshetra Academy of Performing Arts, and Ray Terrill Dance Group. Jawaahir Dance Company and I were thrilled to share the stage with these talented artists!

During 2025, JDC also returned to performing in K-12 schools. Response from the community at the German Immersion School in St. Paul was extremely positive and we look forward to expanding our reach into more schools in 2026. I look forward to creating even more family-friendly programming to offer during for our free community performances.

Summer festival season may see JDC at Dances at the Lake Festival (Lyndale Rose Garden), Minnesota State Fair, Stone Arch Bridge Festival, or Twin Cities Pride, among others. Many community festivals do not have an entrance fee, which gives us the opportunity to share the joy of Middle Eastern dance with everyone and anyone!

**Please make a tax-deductible gift during Give to the Max to help us build upon and continue everything we have accomplished so far in 2025.**

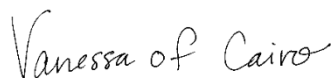
Not only has the Company continued to grow and develop under my leadership as Artistic Director, I am committed to learn, grow, and expand my repertoire as an artist. It is imperative that dance educators teach and take workshops to expand their knowledge, insight, and inspiration.

I'm excited for what the future holds, and I'm thrilled to be able to be a part of this amazing community of artists.

**Thank you all so much for your support! We rely on the community and the generosity of our friends and patrons to keep the legacy of Jawaahir Dance Company alive!**

Let's keep it going!

With appreciation for your time and support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa of Cairo".

Vanessa of Cairo, Artistic Director  
Jawaahir Dance Company