

Belly Dance Basics Class

Wednesday evenings, 8:15–9:15pm

Location: IM Gallery Studio - 233 Raritan Ave. (rear bldg), Highland Park, N.J. 08904

(entrance is behind the second staircase in the driveway to the right of Jerusalem Pizza)

Additional directions and parking info: <http://www.dancinginhighlandpark.com/IMGallery.htm>

Per class rate is \$20.00, pay for a full calendar month of classes at the first class of the month and you pay only \$15.00 per class!

Call Miriam for more information: (908)406-6344

Come learn the foundation movements of Middle Eastern Dance in a beautiful studio with a caring well educated teacher. All skill levels welcome, from brand new beginners to dancers who would like to get back to basics and work on their form and strength.



The teacher is Miriam Berger (www.MiriamNJ.com), who is Director of Anka Kusu, a Middle Eastern Music and Dance troupe located in Somerset, New Jersey (www.AnkaKusu.net). She has been dancing since her first ballet dance lesson before she was 5 years old and began studying jazz dance soon after. High school and college saw continued dance experience along with involvement in acting, stage choreography, and theatrical makeup. Around the same time, involvement in local Renaissance Festivals gave Miriam her initial contact with belly dancing and her first informal lesson in the ancient art which cemented her love for it. She began formal study of belly dance in 2004 and has never looked back. Miriam's primary focus is ATS (American Tribal Style) and its many offshoots, and combining it with classic Middle Eastern folkloric style movement. She has studied extensively with Peggy Eckert the founder of Fringe Benefit, Kimberly Costa the current director of Fringe Benefit, Karin Hein of Kassas Tribal, and Christiane and Jaz of

Ak'ana as well as having taken workshops with Chadia of Gypsy Caravan, Linda Chehade, Suhaila Salimpour, Aneena, Saqra, Alyeeza, Sera Solstice, Shukriya, Leila Haddad and many others.

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