

## 2010 JUDGES

### JUDEEN

Judeen is a multi-award-winning dancer and teacher. Throughout the 90s, she studied Raks Sharqui, Saidi, Nubian, Gahwaze, and other ethnic dances in Egypt. Since 1999, she has been traveling to Turkey to study Roman, Abdal, and Turkish Oriental. With over 30 years of studying, traveling, performing, and teaching, she brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to this ever-changing art form. Judeen teaches and has her own boutique in Santa Ynez, California. To learn more, visit [www.judeen.com](http://www.judeen.com) and [www.esaboutique.com](http://www.esaboutique.com).

### LOTUS NIRAJA

Lotus Niraja is a professional dance artist specializing in Modern Urban Egyptian Belly Dance and Raks Sharqi. She teaches workshops nationally and internationally, and has been featured on many DVD's. In addition, Lotus is the Artistic Executive Director and a Principal Choreographer of the award-winning The Niraja Dance Company, one of America's premiere belly dance companies. They are admired for their modern theatrical approach to belly dance, featuring classical and contemporary movement and haute couture costumes designed exclusively by MAZ. Lotus is also the host of the Belly Dance Nationals Competition on the East Coast. [www.lotusniraja.com](http://www.lotusniraja.com)

### MALIA DE FELICE

In 1969, Malia began studying with Jamila Salimpour. She has studied with many dance icons, including Aisha Ali, Ibrahim Farrah, Anthony Shay, Wakrim Hassan, and Leila Haddad. She is best known for her knowledge of authentic Middle Eastern and North African dance, notably Egyptian Cabaret and Tunisian folkloric styles. She also enjoys performing American Belly Dance styles, and has a background in Flamenco, classical dances of India, and regional dances of Mexico. Malia currently performs regularly and teaches weekly classes on the peninsula and coasts. For more information about Malia, please visit [www.bellydancer.net](http://www.bellydancer.net).

### MARIA

Maria is the 2009 Belly Dancer of the Year. Originally from Moscow, Russia, she currently resides in the Bay Area, where she teaches oriental dance classes and performs regularly at popular Arabic, Persian, and Turkish venues and events. Her elegant and cheerful style has made her a sought-after entertainer in the Middle Eastern community. Maria is featured on several performance and instructional bellydance DVDs, and she travels to perform and teach locally and internationally. Visit [www.orientdancer.com](http://www.orientdancer.com) for more information about Maria.

### MONICA

Monica is a San Francisco based dancer and instructor with nearly two decades in Middle Eastern belly dance. She has an extensive performance history as both a soloist and award winning troupe dancer and director. Monica teaches several group classes a week at the Lines Dance Center. More information on upcoming performances, workshops, and classes can be found at [www.monicaraqs.com](http://www.monicaraqs.com).

### NAIYA

Naiya of Dublin, CA performs in restaurants, competitions, shows (USA & Intl.), and occasionally in musical theater. She has choreographed and directed several dance groups, and she is one half of the 2008 Duet of the Year and 2008 Double Crown Gemini. Naiya teaches belly dance at Ohlone College. [www.naiyaraks.com](http://www.naiyaraks.com)

## **Monday May 31 - 11am to 3:30pm** **BDOY WORKSHOP AT EL MOROCCO**

MARIA – DRUM SOLOS  
2009 Belly Dancer of the Year

ARADIA – SENSUAL SLOW  
2010 BDOY Judge

NANNA CANDELARIA – CLASSIC NANNA  
2010 BDOY Judge

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