

2010 JUDGES

ANEENA

Aneena is a multi-award-winning performer and teacher based in Novato, California. Among her many awards are Grand Dancer of the Year and Troupe of the Year. She performs and teaches workshops throughout the United States, including the Rakkasah festivals in California and New Jersey. Aneena is best-known for her original choreography and stunning double circular veil.

ARADIA

Aradia, a native of Las Vegas, is an international performer, instructor and choreographer. She has performed at the top clubs and hotels in Las Vegas, including spectacular events like Celine Dion's wedding at Caesar's Palace. She began her Middle Eastern dance career at age seven, as a second generation Oriental Dancer - the daughter of Serene. She is well versed in Egyptian, Lebanese and Turkish Oriental dance, as well as the folkloric dances that comprise the Middle East. Aradia currently teaches workshops, lectures at Universities, and directs her own professional dance company, Aradia and The Ra Dancers. www.aradialv.com

AYESHA

Ayesha has been teaching and performing for over 30 years, and has participated in BDOY either as a judge or a competitor for the past 25 years. She has won Grand Dancer, Duet of the Year, and Troupe of the Year twice as Troupe Mandala and Ayesha's Oasis Dance Company. She is the owner of Ayesha's Oasis, a vending business and dance studio, and the director and choreographer of Ayesha's Oasis Dance Company. When not dancing, Ayesha helps her husband Gordon run their other business, Hot Spring Spas of Southern Oregon. www.ayeshasoasis.com

DENISE

Denise is a professional belly dancer, keyboard and zil player for Pangia, and co-producer and artistic director of Pangia's six CDs. She is the director of Troupe Mandala California and co-founder of the original Troupe Mandala. She has danced, taught workshops, and played music on both coasts and Mexico. She has presented quality shows and workshops in both Shasta and Siskiyou Counties, sponsored by the Arts Council, and she teaches belly dance classes at College of the Siskiyou. Denise also teaches workshops with her husband, Pat Olson, for the Rakkasah Festivals West, East, and Spring Caravan. In her spare time, Denise designs and creates costumes, grows prize-winning herbs, and likes to travel, cook, and SCUBA dive. www.pangiaraks.com

ELY BUFFIN

Ely Buffin teaches, performs, and produces events in the central valley, and directs the Ananka Dance Company, 1997 Troupe of the Year. Ananka celebrated its 20th anniversary with the establishment of the Ananka Dare To Dance Scholarship for Fresno City College. The scholarship is for all forms of dance and will realize its second recipient this year. www.ananka.com

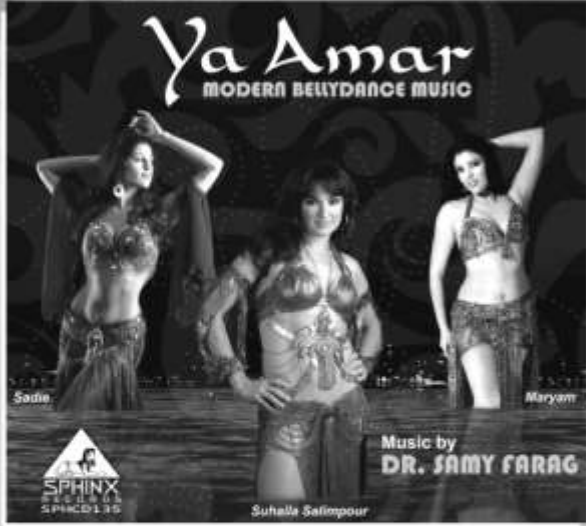
FADIL SHAHIN

Fadil Shahin is an accomplished singer, musician, and restaurateur with more than 30 years' experience. His specialties are the oud and vocals, but you will often find him playing a variety of percussion instruments. In 1978, he opened El Morocco Restaurant, which has become a staple in the local community. Fadil will be our gracious host Sunday night at the BDOY Dinner Show. www.elmorocco.net

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FIJI

Following her life-long fascination with belly dance, Fiji started dancing at the age of 50 after moving to the small town of Fort Jones, California. She then began studying with Ayesha in Medford, Oregon and joined Ayesha's Oasis Dance Company in 2006. She loves to perform and can't imagine life without the dance! Fiji is the 2009 Grand Dancer of the Year and Belly Dancer USA Goddess 2nd Runner Up.



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