

**April 22-23, 2023**

**Habibi Dancers 39<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Spring Workshop & Concert**

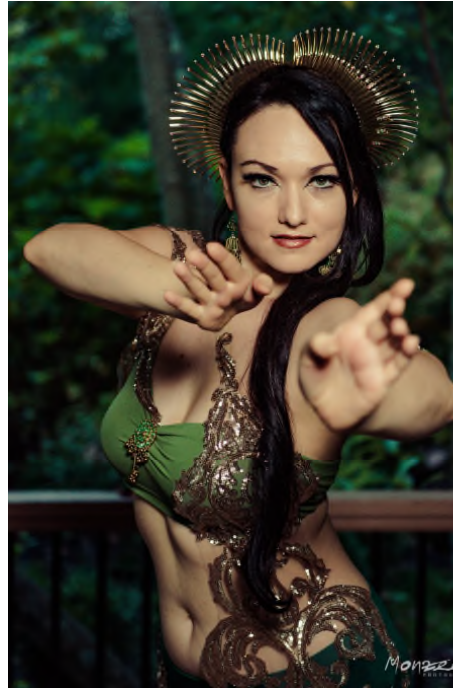
**Saturday Workshop: "Moonsea"**

Irina will teach a fusion belly dance choreography, focusing on technique. In this workshop you will learn combinations which will be threaded together into a sensual choreography. We will work on delicate control of the lines you draw in space for the audience.

**Sunday Workshop: "Spirit"**

This workshop will give you a new look at belly dance fusion. Explore dynamic diagonals informed by Flamenco with strong poses and how to manipulate your energy, to create a powerful presence on stage. A Flamenco style fan will be used. Some previous belly dance experience is highly recommended for this class.

**Irina Akulenko**



**Saturday Schedule:**

9:00 am-10:00 am  
Registration

10:00 am-12:00 pm  
"Moonsea"

12:00 pm-1:30 pm  
Lunch on your own

1:30 pm-3:30 pm  
"Moonsea" con't

**Evening Concert:**  
"Kaleidoscope"

7:30 pm Doors Open  
8:00 pm Concert

**Sunday Schedule:**  
12:30 Registration

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
"Spirit" Fan Fusion

We are pleased that Irina Akulenko is our guest artist this year. She is a New York City-based performer, teacher and choreographer, with a burning passion for arts of all genres. Although she discovered Middle Eastern dance purely by chance, her interest in expression started at an early age and was channeled into ballet training, in addition to piano and voice lessons. However, belly dance became her main addiction which she sustained by seeking instruction with numerous local teachers as well as visiting master performers. Since 2001, Irina explored both Egyptian Cabaret and American Tribal style belly dance. She has studied Odissi, and Flamenco and enjoys fusing these art forms, as well as everything in between.

**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable, and mail registration to:

Habibi Dancers  
4860 Pine Hill Dr  
Pottersville, MI 48876  
Or register online at: [habibidancers.org](http://habibidancers.org)

**Saturday Workshop**

\$99.00 before 4/1 \_\_\_\_\_

\$125.00 after 4/1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Workshop**

\$65.00 before 4/1 \_\_\_\_\_

\$95.00 after 4/1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat. & Sun. Workshop Combo**

\$139.00 before 4/1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Concert Tickets**

\$15.00 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

(\$20.00 at the door)

Total \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Workshop: "Moonsea"

This is an open level, relaxed-paced, elegant, fusion bellydance choreography, focused on tribal (trans-national) fusion technique and long elegant lines. In this workshop you will learn some of Irina's favorite combinations which will be threaded together into a sensual choreography. We will work on delicate control of the lines you draw in space for the audience.

### Sunday Workshop: "Spirit"

This class is intermediate level and some previous bellydance experience is suggested. This is a Flamenco-inspired fan fusion choreography. In this workshop you will learn a medium tempo dance with a fan. We will explore dynamic diagonals within the body informed by Flamenco, strong poses and how to manipulate your energy, creating a powerful presence on stage. (The fan used in this workshop should be a flamenco-style fan, with little to no fabric attached).



### Workshop and Concert Location

Hannah Community Center  
Albert A. White Performing Arts  
Theater  
819 Abbott Rd.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-351-2850

### Places to Stay

Fairfield Inn / Marriott 517-374-6500  
3320 Preyde Blvd, Lansing, MI 48912

Quality Inn University 517-351-1440  
3121 Grand River, Lansing 48912

Hampton Inn 517- 324-2072  
2500 Coolidge Rd. East Lansing 48823

### Registration Information:

Advance registration and ticket purchase is strongly encouraged as we have sold out in previous years. Early registration ends April 1, 2023. Mail-order tickets may be picked up at the workshop or at the concert door until 8:30 pm. Your registration will be held at the door and will not be confirmed by mail. If you register on-line – be sure to print out your registration and tickets and bring them with you. No refunds for cancellations.

Participants will be limited. At the request of the artists, videoing and flash photography is not allowed at the workshop or the concert. For workshop or concert information, call (517) 303-5369, or visit our website at [www.habibidancers.org](http://www.habibidancers.org)