

INTERESTED IN JOINING NAYA'S TRANCE BELLY DANCE?

Naya's Trance will be holding auditions on Thursday December 4th, 2008.

Time

6-8 p.m. Auditions will start **promptly** at 6 and will run until 8. **Please plan to arrive on time and stay for the duration.**

Location

West End Dance and Yoga Studio, 155 Brackett St. 3rd floor, Portland Maine 04102

Audition Information

Auditions are open to dancers aged 18+, regardless of gender.

Please wear comfortable, non-restrictive clothing suitable for practice. Bring a scarf or wrap to tie around your hips. Costume pieces are not recommended.

Auditions will be held in a class format. Dancers will be shown & participate in activities designed to highlight various skills such as: improvisational technique, entrances and traveling steps, the ability to learn choreography, stage presence, as well as basic slow and fast belly dance skills.

Please provide a copy of your dance resume. This 1-page document should list your training, experience, and performance history in belly dance as well as any other dance forms, theater and other performing arts. Include any special skills or talents such as costume design, theatrical lighting, et cetera.

In addition, please prepare a 1-minute piece that best demonstrates your skill and expertise in belly dance. **This is your chance to show us what you love about this dance!** This piece should be set to music which you provide and should highlight your talents as a dancer. (please be sure to bring your music on CD)

For more information please contact Jessica Jane Means, *Artistic Director* at jessica@nayastrance.com or visit our website at www.nayastrance.com.

Who we are

Naya's Trance is a 8-member belly dance organization. We offer public and private performances, workshops, and events. Members of Naya's Trance are more than just dancers, we work collaboratively on choreography, costume and stage design, and event planning. Our troupe meets *every* Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in Portland for rehearsals. Members contribute ideas and energy in a democratic fashion under an Artistic Director.

Who you are

- A motivated and committed dancer with a minimum 1 year formal training in belly dance

- A hard working and collaborative team player who is committed to the success and advancement of the organization
- A versatile dancer who is able to master choreography and improvisational structures for multiple performances
- A talented and creative individual who is able to contribute ideas and share knowledge and skills

Time Commitment:

- Troupe meetings/rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 PM.
- Additional rehearsals may be scheduled as needed for various performances.
- Planning, set up and take down time varies depending on troupe activities. All members are expected to share in the duties and workload related to troupe sponsored activities.
- The troupe performance schedule varies based on time of year and event commitments. We currently have events scheduled through October of 2009.

Costume Requirements

New members face a significant investment in costume pieces to meet the demands of our busy performance schedule. We will work with you to meet these needs as you are getting started. You will be expected to build the following costume wardrobe:

- bead and sequin full cabaret costume (bedlah)
- coin bra and belt
- tassel bra and belt
- harem pants
- tribal style flare pants
- Turkish vest
- black skirt, 20+ yds at hem
- fringe scarf
- zills
- veil, 3.5 yd china silk

The above items represent the costume pieces used most often by members of Naya's Trance. If asked to join Naya's Trance, Artistic Director Jessica Jane Means will talk with you about what you currently own for costumes and help you to prioritize the purchase of new costume pieces.

Members should be prepared to purchase one new item each year – this item will be determined by the troupe director or it may be determined by the entire troupe based on upcoming performances/choreography.