

## INTERESTED IN JOINING NAYA'S TRANCE BELLY DANCE?

Naya's Trance will be holding auditions on **Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.**

### Time

**7-8:30 p.m.** Auditions will start **promptly** at 7 and will run until 8 or 8:30. **Please plan to arrive on time and stay for the duration.**

### Location

Maine State Ballet, 348 US Route 1 in Falmouth (Across from Sullivan Tire) just beyond the Shaw's Plaza headed toward Freeport.

### 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.

The auditions will include the following 3 components to assess dancers various skills.

1. The ability to learn prepared choreography
2. Comfort and skill with Improvisational Techniques
3. Showcasing your specific style by performing a short piece to a selection of music that you choose. (This can be choreographed in advance or improved)

Throughout this process additional skills will be assessed such as stage performance, ability to interact with other dancers, follow directions, etc.

Please complete the **audition form** available on the Naya's Trance website and bring it with you to the audition.

**In addition, please prepare a 1 to 2-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 Naya's Trance at [info@nayastrance.com](mailto:info@nayastrance.com) or visit our website at [www.nayastrance.com](http://www.nayastrance.com).**

### **Who we are**

Naya's Trance is a 6-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* Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in Falmouth (just outside of Portland) for rehearsals. Members contribute ideas and energy in a democratic fashion under a Board of Directors.

### **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 Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 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.

### **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:

Costume needs for 2011:

- bead and sequin full cabaret costume (bedlah)
- a circle skirt and a mermaid skirt that works with your cabaret set
- gold bedlah (talk with Sheryl about this piece)
- black melodias or tribal style flare pants
- fringe scarf
- Turkish vest
- coin belt & coin bra
- zills

Longer term needs:

- Hermes sandals, especially if you have concerns about dancing outside in bare feet
- black skirt, 20+ yds at hem
- veil, 3.5 yd china silk
- harem pants (if any of your skirts are see-through or to be worn under the big black skirts) although sometimes these can be borrowed from other troupe members

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