

# Tanna Valentine

*Bellydancer*

## Dance Training (long-term instruction)

1990-1992	Mish-Mish bint Amira (Farrah Near East Dance Group)
1992-1995	Kiara Aneses
1994-1999	Samara (Farrah Near East Dance Group)
1999-2003	Jehan (Farrah Near East Dance Group)
2003-2005	Elsa Leandros
2005-present	Gamila El Masri
2006-present	Rayhana

**Other instruction:** Reyna Alcalá, Jajouka, Phaedra, Anahid Sofian, Serena Wilson

**Workshops:** Aszemara, Keke Aziz, Eva Cernik, Laurel Victoria Grey, Habiba, Raquia Hassan, Artemis Mourat, Yasmeen el Qahiera, Sa'adia, Mohamad Shahin, Yousry Sharif, Amal Tafsout

## Performance Experience (selected)

### Theater/Film

'91, '92, '95	YWCA-Lex/53 <sup>rd</sup> , NYC: Annual Dance Concert – group
Summer/Fall 1999	Sands of Time by Samara, Tannersville, PA & NYC –solos/group
Summer 2000	Jehan's "Ballet Exotica" excerpts, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Summer Street Fest - group
July 2001	"Veiled Visions" Lina Jang exhibit opening, NYC -solo
Feb 2002	Jehan's Goddessdance, Club Exit, NYC, "Paws for Fashion" fundraiser - group
June 2002	Jehan's Goddessdance excerpts, Babalu Night Club, NYC-group
Summer 2002	GQ Fashion Party at Pressure, NYC-solo
Oct. 2002	Jehan's Goddessdance excerpts, New Life Expo at Hotel New Yorker, NYC - group
April 2003	Jehan's Goddessdance, Poet's Den Theater, NYC-solo/group
2003	Appeared on <u>Temple of Jehan Ultimate Bellydance Fitness DVD</u> , led one segment, supporting dancer on two segments
2003	Treehouse Shakers Annual Benefit, Kevin St. James, NYC-solo
2005	Appeared as sole instructor on <u>Bellydance for Bodyshaping: Floorwork DVD</u> , produced by WorldDance New York
2005	Appeared as sole instructor on <u>Bellydance for Bodyshaping: Upper Body DVD</u> , produced by WorldDance New York
July 2005	Guest Artist at The Goat Café, South Orange, NJ -solos
Oct. 2005	Alternative BellyDance Show at Light, NYC – solo/director
Feb. 26, 2006	Mohamid Shahin Workshop Show presented by Gamila El Masri at Lafayette Grill, NYC-group/solos
2006	Appeared as one of 15 performers on <u>Gothic Bellydance DVD</u> produced by WorldDance New York
April 2006	Alternative BellyDance Show at Light, NYC-solo/director
May 7, 2006	"Dances in Moonlight: Alternative Bellydances of Mystery and Desire" by Ayshe, Skyloft, NYC-solos
July 2006	Guest Artist at The Goat Café, South Orange, NJ-solos

### **Restaurant/Nightclub/Catering Hall**

#### (long-term)

1998-2000	Le Figaro Café, NYC, later dates w/live music by Scott Wilson
2000-2001	Atlantic Nights Café, Brooklyn, live music by Mohammed Nasser
2001-2004	Taja's, NYC, (club closed)
2001	Cedars of Lebanon, NYC, (club closed)
2002	Falucka, NYC, with DJ Amir
2002-2003	Paisley, NYC, with Jehan's "Temple of Love" (club closed)
2002-2005	Kappadokya, Brooklyn
2003	Sahara, NYC
2005	Turkuaz "East", Queens (restaurant closed)
2006	Cleopatra's, Brooklyn, live music

#### (occasional)

2002-present	Al Baraka, Bar Sputnik, Bethpage Country Club, Cairo Café, Casa Romana, Cavo, Cheetah Club, Jour et Nuit, Kebab House, Le Cordon Bleu Catering Hall, Lafayette Grill, Lailla, Leonard's Catering Hall, Maurya Banquet Hall, Persian Tea Room, Reception House, Swan Club, Turkish Cuisine, Turkuaz, Vraka, Zitoune
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### **Teaching Experience**

2002-2003	Jehan's Temple Studio, Queens, sub for Rayhana
2002-2003	South Shore H.S. Adult Education Center, Canarsie, Brooklyn, 3 seven week sessions
2004-2005	Jorday Dance Studio, Queens
2005-present	Substitute teacher for local dancers at various locations, including the Kew Gardens Fitness Center and the BQE Health Club

### **Special Distinctions**

1999	Cover Photo for <u>Jareeda Magazine</u> Annual Costume Issue
2004	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner at the East Coast Classic Bellydance Competition, Grand Champion Category
2005	Cover Photo for <u>Jareeda Magazine</u> Annual Costume Issue

### **Education**

B.A. in Art History from SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, NY  
*Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors*

M.A. in Museum Studies/Historic Costume and Textiles, from  
Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City

30 additional credits in Education and Computer Graphics