

# Star Dancer News

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### HAFLAS

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Get in Great Shape and have FUN!

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR with NEW BEGINNER CLASSES  
BELLY DANCE ... DRUM ... FIT OR BUST



Instructor:  
**Isis**

Have fun ... improve health and stamina ... find  
the inner you - the one who feels good ... make  
new friends ... bring a friend ... and dance!!!

## Isis' Star Dancer Studios

### 2008 NEW BEGINNER BELLY DANCE CLASSES

**January 2 - Wednesday**  
11:30 am

**January 3 - Thursday**  
6:30 pm

**January 5 - Saturday**  
9:00 am

**\$50.00 month -  
\$10.00 registration fee**

## FIT OR BUST

with **Lim Maya**



Two Days  
A Week

**Wednesday**  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Saturday**  
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Classes twice a week  
\$60.00 month  
\$10.00 a class drop-in

**Dance Fitness Exercise**

## DRUM CLASSES NEW BEGINNERS

**January 5, 2008**

**Saturday**  
12:00 noon



Instructor:  
**Al'Abbas**

**\$50.00 month - \$10.00 registration fee  
\$40.00 if a current  
Belly Dance student at Studio**

## Test-outs

with **LIM MAYA**



*Is it time to move  
on to the next  
level? Have you  
been putting it off?*

**CHECK WITH THE  
FRONT DESK FOR  
DAYS AND TIMES**



## 2008 Belly Dance Event Calendar Tribute to Troupes

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a photo combining the three **Troupe Choreography**  
**Winners** and members of the

## Isis Performing Companies



## HULA CLASSES NEW BEGINNERS

January 3, 2008

Thursday

7:30 pm

Enjoy the passion of the islands  
- increase your gracefulness of  
movement - learn to dance the  
Hawaiian way with the most  
popular Polynesian group  
in the mid-cities area.



Instructor:  
**Grace Evangelista**

\$50.00 month - \$10.00 registration fee  
\$35.00 if a current  
Belly Dance student at Studio



*Merry Christmas and  
Happy Holidays  
to Everyone*

*Congratulations to All our  
dancers and drummers  
for your wonderful performances  
at our annual Christmas Hafla  
on December 9, 2007!*

*Thank you volunteers and Staff for all  
your hard work and thank you  
everyone for your amazing  
donations to the Silent Auction!*

*Great Shows, Exciting Choices!!!*

## New Year's Eve with Isis

Greek Isles Grille  
& Taverna

3309 Central Expwy.  
@ Parker Road  
Ruisseau Village  
Plano Texas 75023

December 31, 2007

972-423-7778

*Great food, Great Friends,  
Come Ring in the New Year  
and start it off Dancing!*





NEXT HAFLA

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Seating 7:00 pm  
Showtime 7:30 pm  
\$10.00 adv/\$12.00 at the door

# January HAFLA

**January 26, 2008**

**Wings Workshops and Show**

*Guests: Professional Performing Company Members*

**Del's Spagetti Dinner - \$9.50  
and a Drum Jam after the show**

## WINGS WORKSHOPS

WITH SNACKS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008**

**12:30 PM - 4:45 PM**

**\$45.00**

*Exciting Dancing with a Skirt  
Rachael*

*Short, Fun Choreography  
Katie*



*Practice Warm-up to  
help improve Technique  
Marjan and Isabella*

# Wings of Isis

*Zills to dance with  
Sarafina & Rob*

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FEB HAFLA

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Seating 7:00 pm  
Showtime 7:30 pm  
\$10.00 adv/\$12.00 at the door

## Sweetheart HAFLA

February 23, 2008

*Dancer and Drummer  
Showcase*

*plus guest performers*

*Snacks and a Drum Jam  
after the show*

## Vaa Salla, V'all 2008

**August 14 - 17**

Thursday - Sunday

Amaya - Show Me the Money

Angelika Nemeth

Artemis

Aziza

Bozenka

Fahtiem

Rachel Brice

Susu Pampanin

Tobias Roberson

Zoe Jakes

**FABULOUS WEEKEND OF  
WORKSHOPS AND SHOWS**

**LAYAWAYS AVAILABLE**





## CURRENT MIDDLE EASTERN (BELLY DANCE) CLASSES

For those of you who have been out for personal reasons (congratulations on your weddings, babies, new houses), and for those of you who have missed any individual classes, below is the current schedule of classes to help you plan times to make up for any classes you have missed! Call if you have any questions!

### Middle Eastern (Belly Dance) Classes:

#### \* NEW January 2008 Beginner Classes:

Wednesday - 11:30 am

Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

#### \* Intermediate Beginner Classes:

Monday night - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday morning - 10:00 a.m.

#### \* Advanced I Classes:

Monday night - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday day - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday night - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday morning - 11:15 a.m.

#### \* Advanced II Classes:

Monday night - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday day - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday night - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday noon - 12:30 p.m.

#### \* Advanced III Class:

Tuesday night - 6:30 p.m.

#### \* Advanced IV Class:

Tuesday night - 7:30 p.m.

### Children's Middle Eastern (Belly Dance) Classes

\* 4 - 7 year olds - Wednesday - 5:30 pm

★ 2008 Current



### (Middle Eastern Classes Continued)

#### \* Performer I Class:

Tuesday night - 8:30 p.m.

Studio & Performing Company

Choreographies, Sword

#### \* Performer II, Performer III, Professional Performing Company, Wings of Isis:

Wednesday night - 7:00 p.m.

#### \* Angels Performing Company:

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

#### \* Isis Performing Company:

Tuesday night - 8:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday Monthly

### Middle Eastern Combination Classes:

#### \* Advanced III/IV Class:

Saturday - 1:30 p.m.

Open Class - Combos

### Men's Middle Eastern Dance Classes:

#### \* Men's Beginner Belly Dance Class:

Saturday - 12:30 p.m.

#### \* Men's Intermediate Belly Dance Class:

Saturday - 1:30 p.m.



## GRADUATIONS

Welcome to the Star Dancer Family

### Belly Dancers

Saturday - December 15 - 9:30 am

Wednesday - December 19 - 12:00 noon

December 20 - 7:00 pm

### Drummers

Thursday

December 20 - 7:00 pm

## BUDDY VOUCHERS

Don't forget - after you've graduated from the Beginner Belly Dance Classes and received your Middle Eastern diploma, you are eligible to earn free classes.

If a friend signs up for new Beginner classes, lists you on her registration form, then receives a certificate after the full six months, you will earn a free month of classes!!

Pick up your voucher at the front desk immediately after her graduation!

Turn in your voucher for your free month of classes! Opa!

Thank you for being such a valuable part of our world.





Congratulations to Sheryl Brooks on the birth of her son - photo please?

Congratulations to Sarah Brantley, daughter of James Brantley, on the birth of her second daughter, Delilah, on October 28th! She was 18 3/4 inches and 6 lbs, 13 oz.



*Our dancers' babies are growing up!*



Darla Jeter with Jonathan at 1 1/2 years (Oct 2007)

Tara Bailey with Victoria at 8 months (July 2006)  
Now both Jonathan & Victoria have turned two years old in November!



Congratulations to The Wings of Isis - Kede, Isabella, Marjan, Nezzana, Rachael, Sarafina, Soraya and Zahira with Rob Lowe and Aaron Thomas on their recent success at the Pre-Halloween Fundraiser! Many Thanks to the Isis Foundation members, LimMaya, Ghaziya and Magi and volunteers Anne Cooke, Pam Casey, Mindy Barrows, Amy Krueger, Allison Long, Nicholas Godbey, Roni Flory, Julie Adoranti, Nell Lang and Dana DeVance for their support and work. How many Belly Dancers (and their families) does it take to put on a fun and awesome event?

Congratulations to P J Posey for creating a registered apprenticeship program - a military spouse initiative! She was recognized at the AHDI conference in Reno!! HUGE honor!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Bakowski, daughter of Joe and Pam Bakowski, on her new movie role - the movie was shown in October at the Harkin Theater in Southlake Town Square. We have a movie star in our midst!

Congratulations to Haley Mayes - she had a beautiful baby girl on November 13th at Arlington Memorial hospital! 18 1/2 inches - 4 1/2 pounds - a tiny bundle of joy! Photo?

#### Congratulations MERITSET (Mary Weaver):

Mary performed for the Ms. Mature Irving Pageant Her Entertainment bio in the Program read: Meritset has been dancing since July 2006 at the Isis Star Dancer Studio. She is 17 years old and a freshman at North Lake Community College. She hopes to become an anthropologist so she can pursue her passion for Egypt. When not dancing or studying, she loves to write, draw and sing. Her grandm other Lina V. Campagna was crowned Miss Mature Irving in 1989, the same year Mary was born.

Congratulations to Mike and Nell Lang on the birth of their daughter's daughter Katje Deann, September 3 - 20 1/2 inches, 7 lbs, 13 ozs on September 3rd



Congratulations to Marisa and Jose Poot on the birth of their baby boy - pictures, please????

#### CONGRATULATIONS - GRACE AND STAR DANCER STUDIO HULA DANCERS!

First International Hula Convention, Waikiki, HI -  
November 15-17, 2007



Grace, Courtney, Patty, Linda and Ditas attended the 3 day convention. The conference was significant for many reasons; however, the most important being that we were learning from "Kumu" (master teachers of hula) with a wide variety of experience and philosophy. There were 550 attendees and 350 were from Japan; all classes had an interpreter. On Thursday evening, we danced at the Hilton Hawaiian Village at the Kumu's evening show. We were treated royally with a presentation of (real) orchid flower leis; a fine introduction; a request for an encore by the band announcer and a certificate for performance on a "stage in Waikiki".

#### OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU!

Get Well Wishes to Theresa Mendez.  
Get Well Wishes to Heather Frazee's Mom.  
Get Well Wishes to Gloria Hanchette.  
Get Well Wishes to Erika Caro's Mom.



#### PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHIES!

Our Sympathies to John Dishman on the loss of his father.

*We love and appreciate all of you ... please forgive us if any of your exciting moments or devastating losses are missing ... much love and prayers for you all!!!*





# Reflections 2007

now on sale!

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**CHECK IT OUT!!!!**

Don't miss being featured in the 2008 Yearbook.

Layaways begin in April.  
Deadline for placing your featured photo is October 1, 2008.

## PHOTOS ... PHOTOS ... PHOTOS

Photos of 2006/2007 will be included from:

- \*Christmas Hafla 2006
- \*All 2007 Studio Haflas
- \*Seminars
- \*Scarborough Faire

- \*Festivals
- \*Yaa Halla Y'all
- \*Graduations
- \*Class Photos

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# WINGS OF ISIS & ISIS FOUNDATION PRE-HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER BYBLOS LEBANESE RESTAURANT

1406 N. Main Street, Ft. Worth, 76106

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007

## CONTEST WINNERS:

Most Creative: Torre Quinn  
Scariest: Dez Connor/John Enemark  
Funniest: Dez Connor  
Best Couple: Joie & Craig Gibson  
Best Age 12 & Under: Xheneta Krivca

LimMaya



photos by  
Julie Adoranti  
Video by  
Roni Flory/John Dishman

Staff not pictured: Nicholas  
Godbey, Pam Casey

Thank you to The Wings,  
The Isis Foundation Board  
and members of the Star  
Dancers who worked so hard  
to make this happen!

## RAFFLE WINNERS:

Private lesson Package: Toni Van der Tuin  
Isis Foundation Package: The Chapmans  
BDT Package: Darci Hosken



Guess!



Magi & Ghaziya



Alika & Karyana



A'ria



Isabella & KataMaya



Farah & Basima



LaNola & Anisha



STAR DANCER NEWS





# Isis HAS GONE GREEN!!

and **red** and **blue** and **yellow** and **purple** and ...



## GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Please fill out, cut out and  
MAIL the form below to ISIS at  
P. O. Box 311, Colleyville, Texas 76034  
with your current  
EMAIL ADDRESS  
by December 1, 2007!

OR

EMAIL your current email address  
by December 1 or sooner TO:

**STARDNCRS@ISISANDTHESTARDANCERS.COM**

OR

FILL OUT THE FORM at the studio **BY DECEMBER 1, 2007** or sooner!!!!

The Newsletter can then be in **COLOR** on your computer and  
can be printed by you in either color or grayscale for easy reading!

**THE FULL NEWSLETTER** with photos from the Wings  
pre-Halloween party complete with the Show, the Costume  
winners and the Raffle winners and the exciting and informative rest of this  
newsletter **WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE YOUR EMAIL!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I WANT TO RECEIVE MY FULL NEWSLETTER (COLOR) BY EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE STILL MAIL MY NEWSLETTER (GRAYSCALE) ~ I DO NOT HAVE EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED WITH YOUR CURRENT  
EMAILS TO CONSISTENTLY RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER!!

## YES! HERE IS THE REMAINDER OF YOUR NEWSLETTER!!!!

We hope you enjoy receiving YOUR Newsletter  
in **COLOR** !!!

**Let us know what you would like  
to see in your newsletter!**





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*We wish you the gift of love and the closest of friendships this season, and pray for you to have the most joyous and prosperous and peaceful of New Years. May all your dreams and wishes come true and you achieve your heart's desires.*

Thank you  
for being  
a part of  
the Star Dancer  
family!

We appreciate you  
and look forward to  
sharing the events  
of 2008 with you,  
our students,  
teachers,  
staff and friends!

## DECEMBER

**December 9, 2007**

Christmas Hafla, Awards and  
Silent Auction  
Grapevine Convention Center

**December 15 - 20, 2007**

Classes and Christmas White Elephant Parties

**December 15, 2007**

Graduation - Saturday - 9:30 am

**December 19, 2007**

Graduation - Wednesday - 12:00 noon

**December 20, 2007**

Graduation - Thursday - 7:00 pm

**STUDIO CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**

**December 21, 2007 - January 1, 2008**



*Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays*

*Love and*

*Best Wishes for the New Year!*

**December 31, 2007**

New Years Eve Celebration with Isis -  
Greek Isles Restaurant - Plano



## JANUARY

**STUDIO RE-OPENS:**

**January 2, 2008 - Wednesday**

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New Beginner Belly Dance  
Wednesday - 11:30 am

**January 3, 2008**

New Beginner Belly Dance  
Thursday - 6:30 pm

**January 5, 2008**

New Beginner Belly Dance  
Saturday - 9:00 am

**WELCOME BACK!**



**January 5, 2008**

New Beginner Drum Classes  
Saturday - 12:00 pm

**January 8, 2008**

PC Tuesday - 8:30 pm

**January 26, 2008**

Wings Workshops - Saturday

**January 26, 2008**

Hafla - Saturday  
Seating 7:00, Showtime 7:30 pm



## FEBRUARY - MAY

**February 12, 2008**

PC Tuesday - 8:30 pm

**February 23, 2008**

Sweetheart Hafla - Saturday  
Seating 7:00, Showtime 7:30 pm

**March 11, 2008**

PC Tuesday - 8:30 pm

**March 29, 2008**

Hafla - Saturday  
Seating 7:00, Showtime 7:30 pm



**April 5 - May 26, 2008**

Scarborough Faire - Waxahachie

**April 2008**

Arbor Daze - Euless - date to be announced

**April 25, 26, 27, 2008**

Denton Arts & Jazz Festival

**April 26, 27, 2008**

Dallas Dance for the Planet

**May 1-4, 2008**

Mayfest - Fort Worth





# *A Dedication to Mom Mickie*

*March 19, 1919 - October 15, 2007*



*Edna Riddell Cobb McCall*  
*"Mickie"*

This is so hard for me to write, but I really want you all to know how grateful Del and I are for the opportunity to know so many wonderful and giving people. Thank you dear friends for your touching cards, the flowers you sent and the love you shared with hugs and memories. And, of course, I can never say enough thank yous to those of you who stepped up and took over classes, organized and set up the reception at the Studio and supported us at Mom's Farewell.

Mother would have been so honored to have heard all the wonderful memories you shared with us, and our entire families thank you for your kindness and support. We know so many of you have suffered losses and you truly do know the heartbreak of those losses. Again, thank you for your warmth and your caring.

I've been requested to share the short history that was read that day in memory of a very special woman who was also a very staunch supporter of the Dancers and Drummers of the Studio.

Sometimes it isn't until someone leaves this world that we discover who they really were/are. We'd like you to know about a beautiful, elegant and strong lady.

Edna Riddell Cobb McCall was the youngest of three children and a tomboy whose brother called her "Mickie". She climbed trees and played ball with the boys. In school she skipped a grade because, although she was the youngest in her class, she was so smart!

She married Robert F. McCall soon out of school and exactly a year later on their first anniversary, had their first of four children: Nancy, then Lana, Michael and Bobby. Their first three children were born during the war years and she joined the war effort working at Bell. She soon was in the vanguard at Lockheed Aircraft Company, where she was in training and became a Technical Illustrator, drawing blueprints for their airplanes.

Raising her children while working, and in spite of frequently doing it alone, her children all graduated from school with both boys going into the Navy and both girls getting married as expected in the South of that era.

What wasn't expected was the need and ability to support herself and her children for many years. During this time, she also designed and made most of her work clothes and some for her daughters - sewing well into the night. She also made the wedding dresses for both girls. All the kids learned skills in order to help out at home.

During her times after her children were grown, she was fearless, driving over the mountains between Georgia and Tennessee to see her parents and help them many weekends as they grew older and had health problems.

Upon retiring from Lockheed after 30 years, Mickie moved to California near Lana, then to Arizona near Bobby and then to Texas near Mike and Nancy.

Mother believed in continuous education. She never took the time to enjoy fiction, but every book she read was a learning experience. In recent years she was fascinated by religion and psychology and started her journals searching for truths and understanding. She crocheted beautiful bed covers, handcrafted Christmas Tree skirts and stockings for all the family, appliqued special sweatshirts for her family and friends, and designed small special blankets for the great grandchildren.

Mother was never very social until she retired and started visiting Isis' Dance Studio. There she loved talking to the students and hearing about their lives and taking part in their special celebrations. She became a part of the Star Dancer family - coming to events, enjoying special people who were loving and kind to her, sewing hip scarves and adding coins and beads to costumes.

Thank you, Mother, for fighting the good fight - for passing on to your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren so many of your talents; for your strength and determination through adversity, for being so proud of our accomplishments. We are so proud of YOU and so honored to be your children.