



Queens of the Universe

Leilah Moon

Saturday, November 8, 2025



Leilah is an international multiple award-winning professional belly dancer; she is the recipient of 1st Place Solo Professional and People's Choice awards in the 2018 East Coast Classic Belly Dance Competition, the 1st Place Solo Professional Oriental at the 2024 Marhaba Festival Miss Euro Competition in Italy, and 1st Place Solo Professional Raqs Sharqi at the 2024 Essence of Belly Dance Competition.

Leilah Moon started her dance career at the age of 17 with Susquehanna University Bellydance Circle in 2008, studying further under MiaNaja al Sephira, Naimah of Baltimore, Viviana of Delaware, Piper of the Daughters of Rhea, Faten Salama, and various faculty of Sahara Dance in DC, including private instruction with Jennifer Tether and Shahrzad Raqs. She is committed to training annually with internationally renowned instructors at festivals and intensives. She holds certifications in Sahra Saeeda's Journey Through Egypt Levels I and II. She also performs regularly with Seven Egyptian Dance Company, a diverse ensemble specializing in folkloric Egyptian dance.

Leilah is part of the faculty at Sahara Dance in DC and teaches weekly classes and regular workshops. Leilah has taught at major belly dance festivals such as Art of the Belly, Shimmy on the Colorado, and River City Raqs, and has taught workshops all over the U.S.

9:00a - 10:00a Registration & Morning Bellyswap*

10:00a - 12:00p **Shaabi/Mahraganat Combos** - From the streets of Cairo to the Egyptian cinema, Egypt's music scene today is dominated by the shaabi and electro-shaabi (mahraganat) genres. Shaabi is a form of popular working-class music from Cairo which evolved from baladi style dance. The newer mahraganat style is influenced by EDM, hip-hop, and reggaeton, making it both very fun to dance to and a challenge for the classic oriental dancer. We'll dissect lyrics and cultural context, then explore big juicy movements, playful shimmies, and dynamic urban expression set to today's hits!

12:00p - 2:00p Lunch (**Included**) & Bellyswap* ***Enjoy soup/salad lunch while you shop!***

2:00p - 4:00p **Drum Solo Choreography** - This workshop will explore combinations of layered shimmies, core isolations, and juicy hip work to an original drum solo choreography. Leilah will break down the technique and movements step-by-step so you can bring home this signature choreography for fun or to add to your show routine.

7:00p Hafla (doors open at 6:30p)

*You MUST contact Victoria Crute @ vamc70@gmail.com to reserve a swap table. Table \$5 with your paid workshop registration. Slots are limited, so don't delay!

No refunds unless event is cancelled. Observers pay the same fees as registered participants. No children unless registered as participants.

Workshops held at the Colonial Heights Recreation Center, 157 Roanoke Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA



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Sign me up for the workshops on Saturday, 11/8/2025!

☐	Workshop Early Bird Discount (\$10/off) By June 1st
☐	Both workshops (\$85)
☐	Shaabi (\$60) OR Drum (\$60) <i>Circle one</i>
☐	Hafla Ticket (\$20 ea/\$10 Attendee) QTY: _____
☐	Bellyswap Table (\$5)

Name: _____

E-mail : _____

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