



# FESTIVAL 2022

Shifting Sands - Embracing Change

Sunday Night Theatre Show

24 April, 7.30pm

Featuring:  
MEDANZ Festival Students  
with:  
Vanessa & Mirian



Zumarrad

Siobhan Camille

Elea Le Bout



Desert Divas NZ

Suher &  
Art of Middle Eastern Dance

The Mermaids

NUR Bellydance



Safi

Rosina June & Dani

Lenna Rose

Juniper

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# Program



## **Mejance** **Vanessa Castro &** **Online Workshop Students**

Dynamic and Elegant Mejance – classical entrance



## **For Your Eyes** **Suher**



Now, Suher of Art of Middle Eastern Dance, Thames will share with us a heartfelt dance in the Classical style. The song is called "Kermal Oyounek" and she will evoke for us the true sense of its meaning: "For Your Eyes".



## **Phenomenal Woman**

Collaboration between **Anna Morton** and **Eva Corne**.

Original choreography by Kim Grison.  
Spanish/Flamenco BellyDance fusion.



It's about the power and complexities of what it means to be a woman. It is also a celebration of the love, support and strength women gain from each other in the sisterhood of dance and beyond.



## **From the Heart** **Juniper Nichols**



Presenting an oriental metal adaptation of the Metallica classic, a kanun solo improvised straight from the heart.



### **Trumpet Cheer Rosina June and Dani**

Set to high-energy brassy funk, we combine San Francisco Bay area Transcultural fusion with a touch of cheerleading (as Rosina was a cheerleader in a past dance life!). The piece is energetic, positive and guaranteed to put a smile on all of our faces. This is an online collaboration of two friends --- during the pandemic we learned that dancing together, remotely, is not only possible, it is important. In this dance we enjoy razzle-dazzling your senses, uplifting your spirits and cheering us all on to celebrate the silver linings.



### **El Helwa fi el Veranda (The Beauty on the Veranda) by Mary Ezz Eldeen Lenna Rose**

Description: A nod to the Golden Era of bellydance with a song from the 1955 Egyptian Classic Lahn Al Wafaa (Melody of Faith) starring Abdel Halim Hafez in his very first film role. The Golden Era is a period of classical Egyptian dance which was transmitted through cinematography. This performance is inspired by iconic dancers of this period of the era, Samia Gamal, Taheyya Corica and Naima Akef,.. stars of the golden screen. Golden Era bellydance is my favourite style due to its fun, uplifting and coquettish style.

**Middle Eastern /  
Line Dance Fusion  
Suher, Janine, Jo**



Art of Middle Eastern Dance Thames from the pioneering frontier towns of Thames, Paeroa and Waihi in the Wild Waikato present a Steampunk-infused slice of the Weird West in this lively fusion that will have you wanting to throw your hats in the air and scoot your boots! YEE-HAH!



**Set El Hosen  
Mirian Caberlon**



Mirian from Wellington will be performing to a classical song called Set El Hosen. Enjoy this deep and beautiful love story and welcome Mirian on stage!



**Ahwak & Drum Tek  
Siobhan Camille of Greenstone Belly Dance**

Siobhan Camille is a multi-award winning belly dancer and the founder of Greenstone Belly Dance. Her love of music is equalled only by her love of movement, making raqs sharqi her perfect match. Her joyful movement and 1000-watt smile captivate audiences across the globe.

Tonight Siobhan will be sharing two original choreographies; a classic raqs sharqi choreography to Ahwak, from Mercedes Nieto's album Zikrayet, and a drum solo to Drum Tek, an original composition for Siobhan Camille.



**Intermission**



### **Mejanca Elea**

This beautiful Mejanca was created by Jillina, and adapted by Elea.



### **Global Groove Drum Solo Mirian & Online Students**

The next piece is a collaboration between Mirian and the MEDANZ Festival students. This choreography brings together Middle Eastern, Brazilian and Indian flavours fused into a dynamic drum solo dance.



### **Baladi Zumarrad**

Zumarrad presents a traditional accordion baladi from the streets of old Cairo.



### **Minarets & Memories Nafisa, Bellydance Jini, Melissa, Johari**

An upbeat group sword dance





**Tamil  
Safi**



**Drum Fiesta**

**Milagros Garcia  
Eliana El-khoury  
Samia Abait  
Canela Ferrara**



**Vanessa Castro**

Thank you for being part of the MEDANZ Festival 2022 in Orewa,  
we really appreciate your support.  
We wish you all a safe journey home  
and look forward to dancing together again soon!