



NEW JERSEY BELLY DANCING

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IT'S TIME TO VOTE FOR 2013'S FAVORITES!

It's that time again to vote for your favorites! Every year in early December, NJ Belly Dancing creates a survey to allow the community to vote for their favorites whether it be favorite performer, instructor, musician, promoter, vendor, restaurant or community *cheerleader*.

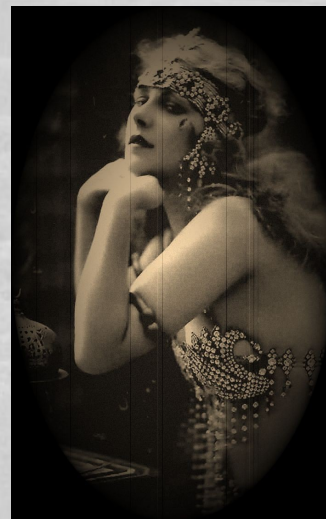
The term *favorite* gives a nod to those who have either exceeded expectations, overcome a difficult journey, or perhaps just someone who enhances the community in a special way.

Each year the winners are displayed on the web site home page in honor of their distinctive work from the previous year. Voting is provided by Survey Monkey and allows only one vote per ISP address. All votes are anonymous. The winners will be announced via our Facebook page the first week

in January.

Before voting: Please be specific about the individual, troupe or band you are choosing to vote for. Listing a director with a troupe, for instance, will be counted separately from listing a director only in the performance category as many directors are soloists. The same holds true for an individual musician as opposed to naming a band. It would be unfair to make any assumptions and it is crucial the voting is fair in every aspect. There are **no** requirements that the individual must reside in NJ. If they work in the tri-state along with DE and perform or instruct for NJ clientele or are listed in our advertisements, they qualify. We wish all our prospective candidates good luck and win or lose, you are all quite special to us here at NJBD!

Please be sure to vote! <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PBBDM9>



LISTING INFORMATION

It is also that time of year to re-check all your listings and make sure they are up to date. Remember that in order for prospective clients to contact you, they need correct information. Having updated listings also lends to the overall professionalism of the site. As

always, all general listings are free and offered to anyone in the Tri-state. Special ads that include ad space and graphics are available for a fee. For two months, the cost is \$20, 6 months is \$40 and one year is just \$60. Please remember to send all postings directly to:

info@njbellydancing.org. While newsletters are wonderful, we cannot guarantee they will be read. If sending a flyer, please make sure the content can be copied and pasted. It is far too time consuming to re-type. Thank you for being a part of our community!



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Come check us out on Facebook!

COMMUNITY INFO

SWAP & CHAT: Three great Facebook Pages for our local professionals.:

NY/NJ area Professional Belly Dancers: (by request only) and designed for connecting, chat and elevating standards. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/128522100597756/>

Philly Bellydance: For those in the Philly metro area.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/248137975277251/?fref=ts>

NY/NJ Belly Dance Swap: Buy, sell, Trade!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/260705577332317/?fref=tsap>

Troupe rates

In addition to our 'Favorites' Survey', we will also be requesting input on a rates survey for NJ and the tri-state. A detailed description of rates is available for solo performers via our web site (see performer rates section) that was created (as well as docu-

mented) by those in our professional FB group but there is no input for troupes. We ask that Directors and Instructors provide information so that average rates and expectations can be published for the general public. All input is anonymous and will provide a guideline for new and upcoming troupes as well.

Survey can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/MySurvey_EditorFull.aspx?sm=OsOPGrLhx7ugOXM_2BGnOGzoEGZ3NcJ0tYVm0_2BCIwbvE8_3D



CONTRIBUTIONS

NJ Belly Dancing always welcomes contributions from our community whether it be written articles about personal experiences in the world of Belly Dance or educa-

tional offerings. We ask only that contributions are for the purpose of serving the community as opposed to self promotion. Some past offerings have included sub-

missions in regards to education of the dance and member blogs.

Submissions can be sent to: ifo@njbellydancing.org