

ART OF THE BELLY

137 Bourbon Court, Baltimore, MD 21234
410-409-3293 or 410-446-7488 – artofthebelly@gmail.com

Dear Dancers,

Thank you for signing up to perform in our 16th annual “Art of the Belly” belly dance festival.

Performer application processing schedule:

1. Applications will be accepted immediately after posting. Please note, the schedule typically fills up within the first 2 weeks of accepting applications.
2. We will begin scheduling performers as soon as we begin receiving applications.
3. We will begin notifying performers November 3rd via email. You are welcome to continue to send in your applications anytime after this date up until the event. There will be a wait list if we run out of performance slots.

Please send all necessary single-sided (they have to go to separate places) documents to:

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Please DO NOT email applications. They run more of a risk of getting lost.

If you or any members of your troupe are taking workshops please enclose your Shopping Cart/PayPal receipt for the workshops you have registered for. Please take your time in choosing classes. Those signed up for workshops will be considered first. Please be flexible.

If applying for more than one performance slot, please mark them in order of priority as one or more may likely end up on the wait list.

All performances, workshops and after party will be held at the Carousel Hotel. We encourage you to take advantage of the exclusive rate for “Art of the Belly” guest by calling the hotel directly

Performances will be held (hours subject to change based on attendance):

Friday, March 27, 2026 – 7pm-10pm

Saturday, March 28, 2026 – 12pm-10pm

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – 12pm-5pm

Our house band is scheduled to perform live music w/performers during these times:

Saturday 3pm - 4pm

Saturday 8pm - 9pm

Sunday 12pm - 12:45pm

All performers receive a hand stamp for complimentary admission upon checking in at the dancer registration table the day of their performance. All other guest tickets will be sold at the door. We ask that you please encourage your students, friends and family to attend our 16th annual event.

All styles of belly dance are welcome. We simply ask that you keep in mind

a) this is a family friendly venue

b) no open flame is permitted

DIRECTOR, PLEASE NOTE: List the names of all the dancers and/or musicians performing with you, as well as any who may be performing with other troupes at Art of the Belly. Signatures of all performers will be required at the performer check in desk.

CHECK IN:

Upon Arrival on the date of your performance YOU MUST SIGN IN at the dancer registration table at least 1 ½ hours before performance time. Please also check in back stage at least one hour before performance time. If you fail to show your spot will be given away.

No visitors or photos allowed in the backstage area!!

If you later decide not to perform, please contact us ASAP

ATTENTION: Please complete both the performer application AND stage manager forms. They can be edited later.

Incomplete Applications and other documents will not be considered.

In order to perform you must read, sign, date and return all necessary documents. **Save on paper and postage and only return filled out forms and receipts necessary.** You will not be given a time slot until we receive your application **AND stage manager form.** Please note that you may not receive your first time slot choice. Those signed up for workshops will be considered first. Many of the “prime” slots are filled within the first week of accepting applications. Once all time slots are filled we will begin a wait list. We tend to get through a good portion of the wait list before the event so please do not become discouraged if you are on this list.

MEDIA:

The super talented Stereo Vision will be returning for your photographic needs. To set up an appointment for prom style and performance shoots please contact them at stereovisionphotography@gmail.com.

Our official videographer of Candlelight Productions is committed to providing the highest possible quality of your performance that the venue and stage conditions will allow. To make sure your moment is captured please visit the link on our website to submit your **VIDEO request form.** Please wait until you are scheduled for a time slot before contacting our videographer. You will need to have that information ready.

MUSIC:

Please respect time limits. Soloists – 5 minutes, Duets & Trios – 7 minutes, and Troupes – 9 minutes
Music that exceeds the time allotted will be turned off.

Please email music to aotb.soundguy@gmail.com by February 13th. The only exception is if you are accepted late into the lineup.

Please have only the music you are performing to on a high quality CD as **BACKUP ONLY.** No Rewriteable disk. Please clearly label your CD with your stage name or troupe name along with date and time of performance if it is needed.

VENUE GUIDELINES:

Cover ups must be worn when not performing.

Please make sure your costume is properly secured to avoid costume malfunctions.

Thank you for your participation and kind support,
Naimah, Patti, and Amandari Dance Company

“Art of the Belly” Performer Application

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Performance Name of Group or Soloist: _____

Director’s Name: _____

Legal Name of Contact Person: (must be over 18): _____

Contact’s Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Contact’s Email Address (We need this to contact you with your performance day and time):

*** Please list, in order, preference in performance date and time (Please keep in mind that those who sign up for workshops will be considered first. Please enclose a copy of your receipts.):**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How many people will be performing? ___ Troupes (9 minutes), Duets & trios (7 minutes), Soloists (5 minutes). Please do not forget to supply a list, on a separate sheet, of performers for check in.

Exceeding the time limit will result in having your music turned off.

Will you be performing to live music (Space is limited) or CD? _____

If you would like to perform with our official live band, please contact Carmine at carmine@carmine.com to set up your performance after you receive your time slot.

Style I/we plan to perform at Art of the Belly (All styles are welcome, but please keep in mind that this is a family venue): _____

Please describe your performance:

_____ (continue on back if needed)

Did you perform at Art of the Belly last year? _____

Any props? (No open flame is permitted and please consider the backdrop):

PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT AND SIGN BELOW I do hereby release Launa “Naimah” Dixon, Patricia “Patti” Stone, Amandari Dance, ART OF THE BELLY and the Carousel Hotel, its Agents and Employees from any and all claims for any kind of damages or injuries received while participating in ART OF THE BELLY Classes, Activities or Performances.

SIGNATURE OF SOLO or TROUPE DIRECTOR:

_____ DATE: _____

ART OF THE BELLY Stage Manager Instructions

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Performance Name of Group or Soloist: _____

Director's Name: _____

Legal Name of Contact Person: (must be over 18): _____

Contact's Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Contact's Email Address: _____

All performers will enter the stage from behind the large backdrop and have the option to enter from both sides of the stage. There are no curtains in front of the stage. The stage is 16'x24'x24".

Will you begin _____ on stage or _____ off stage?

Any props? _____

Props must be set up in the allotted time limit of your performance slot.

Visitors are not allowed backstage.

If you choose not to dance, please contact us ASAP

Will you be performing to live music (Space is limited) or CD? _____

If you are dancing to live music that is not our official band please contact the band in advance to discuss your performance. Please provide their contact information below

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ **Best Time to Call:** _____

Please state any other request below.

Please sign, date and return with all other documents. All documents must be completed and returned in order to participate.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____