

## The Keys to Learning Belly Dance



When you start performing

1. Set high standards in you skill and image. Practice Practice Practice, Take workshops from international teachers when they come to your area. If you don't have a place to practice you can get a gym membership and use the aerobics room when classes are not being held. Dont feel comfortable that people can watch you? Well....get over it. Just pay attention to yourself. Get out of your comfort zone! Challenge your self with other pros.
2. Our image is just as important as our skill. Don't have sloppy costumes or veil. No wrinkles. They should fit well, not to tight not to big. don't let your belt hold below your skirt. Practice in new costumes to make sure they are secure. Try to avoid your costume falling apart on stage. Make sure you costumes color match, wear dance briefs, so you never accidentally flash anyone. This list can go on and on...

Do not dance with Ego!

You will never know everything about Belly Dance, it is an evolving, continuing Beautiful art-form and we ourselves evolve and change also.

Ready to go professional?

A lot of this has to do with your drive and the cities your marketing to. This is a whole different topic. Pretty much you learn as you go. If you have a mentor. Pay attention. Don't get offended and be confident. Have your business cards, website and video is very important. If you have these then you can consider yourself a professional. Charge according to your professionalism. Its a doggy dog world and getting hired doens't always mean your good. A lot of it has to do with your networking, your attitude or just being in the right place at the right time.

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