



Advice from a drummer, Ziad Islambouli

For those new to Belly Dance or new to dancing to live music here are some song recommendations from Ziad to request from the band when dancing to live music. As he mentioned an educated dancer will know the songs by Title and of course the music. Following are popular songs to familiarize yourself with. It is best to know the more classical versions without the lyrics. When choosing a song with lyrics make sure you understand the translation and it is appropriate to dance to. There are many different versions of these songs and different songs may have the same name. The same song may also be spelled different. Make sure you research them on youtube. Music sites also have sound samples. Most of these songs can be found at hollywoodmusiccenter.com and maqam.com. Don't forget all the advice Ziad gave when dancing a drum solo with a live band! Have fun!

WHEN SELECTING MUSIC KEEP IN MIND SECTIONS OF YOUR SET GENERALLY ARE AS FOLLOWED:

1. **OPENING SONG:** YOUR ENTRANCE, YOUR INTRODUCTION (VEIL, FAN VEIL, WINGS..ECT)
- 2 (OR 3). **DRUM SOLO:** DEMONSTRATES YOUR SKILL
- 3 (OR 2). **TAQSIM:** DEMONSTRATES YOUR GRACE AND FLUIDITY
4. **THE RETURN SONG:** BRING THEM FULL CIRCLE AND GO BACK TO A FASTER VERSION/PART OF YOUR OPENING SONG (CAN PICK UP YOUR PROP AGAIN)
5. **FINALE:** ALWAYS END WITH A BANG!

Suggested Opening Songs

Sahar

Set El Hosen

Alf Leyla, Wa Leyla

Following Songs

Wahashtini

Sawah

Hadia Habibi

Gana Al Hawa

Other popular classics suggested by Hadia

Nebtidi Mnain El Hikaya

We Marret El Ayam

Enta Omri

Msafer

Entel Hob

Amar Andalus

Zeina

Ah Ya Zein

Ala Nar

amalyekasmey

Anna Fintizarak

El Eyoun Elsoud

Souk Elgamal

Lylet Hob

Bastannak?

Sharm El-Sheik

Saher Al Sharq Etneen

Shik Shak Shok

Mishal

Habibi Ya Einy

Amani El Omr