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# NEBRASKA BELLYDANCE SPECTACULAR



**OMAHA, Neb. - January 26, 2012** – A one-night escape to distant lands awaits show-goers at “Dancing Down the Silk Road,” the 2012 Nebraska Bellydance Spectacular on March 3, 2012 at Holland Performing Arts Center. Tickets are priced at \$35 and are on sale now through Ticket Omaha at [www.TicketOmaha.com](http://www.TicketOmaha.com), by phone at 402.345.0606 and in person at the Ticket Omaha box office, located at 13th & Douglas streets (M – F 10-5, Sat. 12 – 5.)

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual showcase enjoys its second year at the Holland Center with a virtual caravan of sight and sound. Through presentations of various cultural dances, performers hope to share the evolution of the art form commonly called “bellydance.”

“We were thrilled last year when so many audience members wanted to learn more,” said show producer “Magdalena” Christina Kadlec. “We fielded questions about why different performances looked different, involved different costumes and music. This year, we are featuring the cultural nuances that contribute to this mysterious art.”

Various Egyptian, Tunisian, Turkish, Indian and other cultural stylings will be revealed as part of the show. “The movement we’ve come to know as ‘bellydance’ was shaped and shared by ancient nomadic peoples who moved along the famed Silk Road throughout the East and Middle East,” said Kadlec. “So, while many of the movements have a similar look, it is interesting to see how different peoples adopted them and absorbed them into their own celebration.”

Once again, show-goers will have the opportunity to pre-buy “Middle East Meets Midwest” menu items including an antipasto platter featuring hummus, cured meat, pickled vegetables and spiced lavos or a three-meat platter featuring lamb kebabs, beef sliders & sambousek (meat & cheese stuffed pastries), among other offerings. There is more information about this on the info page at [www.TicketOmaha.com](http://www.TicketOmaha.com).

The show itself begins at 8:00 p.m. and will feature familiar faces as well as talent new to the area. Included are performers from throughout Nebraska, such as beloved Omaha instructor and performer Della Gushen and her Lotus Dancers, Magdalena Christina, Ashiya and the Athenian Dancers, Raqs Awn, Karavan of Dreams and more.

Pre-show festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and include a gallery display, marketplace bazaar and “Worlds of Dance” demonstrations.

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