

August, 2020

Dear Dance and Music friends!

I am very sorry for not being in touch. The pandemic was so challenging as I had to come back home from Algeria earlier than planned because all the borders in Europe were closing and I was very fortunate to have found a flight back home. All my work got canceled and I didn't find the motivation to communicate.

I hope that everybody is doing well and being safe. We are all confined in our own space due to the Covid19 and we have to pray for a solution. Our world is definitely going through changes and I am positive that we shall overcome.

I was very saddened by what happened to George Floyd and I hope his death was not for nothing.

As I lost a lot of work during the pandemic, like the most of us, I am now teaching zoom classes in Dance, frame drumming, Arabic, French, Sufi Heart Meditation Tarot readings and life coaching. One of my Datura class is published, please connect with Daturaonline.com.

On August 19th I am offering a new Egyptian Arabic Language online class. Please, contact: www.sharqidance.com/arabic-class.



**Egyptian
Arabic** with
Amel Tafsout
5-week interactive
online class series

Wednesdays, 9:30pm EST
Starting August 19
sharqidance.com/arabic-class

ZOOM Scheduled Classes

TUESDAYS

- **Arabic level one** 8:45 - 9:15 am Pacific Time
- **Dance** 9:15 -10:15 am Pacific Time

WEDNESDAYS

- **Arabic Level two** 12:30 -1:30 pm Pacific Time

THURSDAY

- **Dance** 3:30 -4:30 pm Pacific time

Regarding the dance class, I like spending 3 weeks on one North African dance style, such as the Andalusian, Mauritanian, Tunisian and more.

ZOOM Classes offered by Appointment Only

- **Frame drumming**
- **French language** - I am creating a group that will start soon.
- **Tarot reading & life coaching**

I am intending also to offer some lectures on specific topics related to North African culture as well as costuming, wedding ceremonies, dance and rituals, Symbols in the Arab World, Amazigh- Berber Tribal marks and many more. Additional information to follow when details are available.

February – 2021 – In Person Workshop

24-28

Maghreb Dance Intensive, contact Amel Tafsout:

ameltafsout@gmail.com

Location: Studio Afra in Plymouth, CA

Content: 25 hours of instruction on North African Maghreb Dance including dances from: Morocco, Algeria Tunisia, Mauritania and Libya. The focus will be on History, movement, drumming, singing, costuming, and the spirituality of the dances.

Cost is \$750. EARLY BIRDS WILL GET A DISCOUNT OF \$50 IF THEY BOOK BEFORE January 30th, 2021! The fee should be paid no later than, February 15th, 2021. Day-trippers are permitted.

This intensive is given once a year. Dancers come to study from all over the USA as well as overseas. Please remember that space is limited so register early and reserve your spot by sending \$200 non-refundable deposit. You are not registered until I get the deposit.

Upcoming Dance Performances 2020

I am honored to be invited to perform and teach in various shows online such as the [Emerge Fusion Dance Festival 2020](#).



On **Friday August 14** –
5:30 to 6:50 pm: Where Africa meets the Orient.

I created a new dance performance especially for the online show on August 16th

Upcoming Dance Performances - 2020

SEPTEMBER

04-07 Rags Without Borders, New York City, contact:
www.torkomada.weebly.com Postponed until Sept.
2021

NOVEMBER

6-8 The 17th Arab Dance Seminar in Chicago! ONLINE
Website: www.arabdanceseminar.com
20 hours of dance instruction & lectures
music lessons plus live music concert
Egypt, North Africa, Gulf & Near East
This year's topic : **REAPPROPRIATION**: How to
distinguish between exploiting vs supporting a culture
and its dance.

Upcoming Dance Performances - 2021

FEBRUARY

6-7 Andalusian Festival in Mexico City. (tbc)
Contact Lila Zellet: egiptanos@gmail.com

I am still selling my Music CD, DVD and my tank tops. Please let me know if you are interested to purchase them.

For more information, please send a message to Amel via [Facebook](#) or ameltafsout@gmail.com

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Please be safe.

Love and light
Amel Tafsout