

2008 Double Crown Belly Dance Competition™

"Category Descriptions"

2008 Belly Dance Performing Artist™

Professional Category (Male/Female) - This category has preliminaries and finals and is designed for male and/or female dancers who may or may not have earned money through performances, but does promote or advertise themselves as a professional performer or teacher/instructor. Middle Eastern music must be used; the use of "alternative" music in this category will result in competitor being disqualified. The category is open to all stylizations. No props other than veils/cape in this category. All choreography/routines must be creation of competitor. (Winner must wait three (3) years to compete again.)

Preliminaries - 2008 Belly Dance Performing Artist™: Music will be no more than seven (7)** minutes or less on a quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes).

Finals - 2008 Belly Dance Performing Artist™: Contestants scoring in the top one half (1/2) of the preliminary competition on Saturday, June 21st, will move on to finals on Sunday, June 22nd. When these competitors are announced at the end of the preliminary competition, they will pull a number which will designate their placement in the finals and will be provided with a music CD. This CD will contain a ten (10) minute routine that is to be used for the finals category on Sunday. The competitor will have until dancer check in on Sunday to listen to and become familiar with their chosen music set. Under no circumstances should the music be copied to a computer, portable listening device or other electronic device. The music CD provided to the competitor will have a corresponding master CD which will be utilized during the competition.

2008 Gypsy Stylist

Professional Category (Male/Female) - This category is designed for male and/or female dancers who may or may not have earned money through performances, but does promote or advertise themselves as a professional performer or teacher/instructor. This category is designed for performers of various Gypsy and Folkloric styles (such as Gypsy Dunyavi, Rom, Ghawazee, etc.). Music that is not exclusively Middle Eastern may be used but must be appropriate to style and within the Rom/Gypsy/Gitano/a tradition. Use of alternative music not within the stylization may result in disqualification. Music will be no more than ten (10)** minutes or less on a quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes). Props are allowed in this category' veils/cape, sword, baskets, pots, fans, etc. but can utilize no more than 1/3 of the routine. (Winner must wait three (3) years to compete again.)

2008 Sekhmet

Tribal Solist Category (Male/Female). This category is designed for male and/or female dancers who may or may not have earned money through performances, but does promote or advertise themselves as a professional performer or teacher/instructor. The category is designed for performers in the tribal diaspora, including but not limited to American Tribal Style, folkloric tribal styles, and neotribal styles. Both traditional or alternative Middle Eastern music must be used. Purely "Western" music (i.e. American Pop or Rock) may not be used and will result in disqualification. Costuming should reflect the tribal and folkloric origins of the dance. Props and finger cymbals may be used but props can only utilize up to 1/3 of the routine. Music will be no more than ten (10) ** minutes or less on a quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes).

2008 Troupe Nile

Troupe Category - This category is designed for all levels of dancers, male or female performing as a troupe/group. (For this competition, a troupe consists of three or more performers). All members of the troupe are to be performing during entire performance (except during short transition periods). Middle Eastern music should be the predominant focus, however, the use of alternative music as one portion/segment (no more than 1/3) of the overall twelve (12) minute piece will be permitted. Props may be used in this category, however they may only be used for 1/3 of the performance or less. Music will be no more than twelve (12)** minutes or less on quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes).

2008 Gemini

Duet Category - This category is designed for all levels of dancers, male or female performing as a group of two - "duet". Both members of the duet are to be performing during entire performance (except during short transition periods). Middle Eastern music should be the predominant focus, however, the use of alternative music as one portion/segment (no more than 1/3) of the overall ten (10) minute piece will be permitted. Props may be used in this category, however they may only be used for 1/3 of the performance or less. Music will be no more than ten (10)** minutes or less on quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes).

2008 Scarab

Alternative Music Category - This category is designed for solo performers, male or female, with the desire to perform to music "other than" Middle Eastern. The main theme and presentation is to consist primarily of Middle Eastern Dance movements, however, it is acceptable and encouraged to add dance movements from other dance forms to enhance and carry through the theme of the music. Comedic performances are also acceptable in this category. Costuming should also carry through the theme of the music and need not but can be of traditional design, with theme influence. Music will be six (6)** minutes or less on quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes). Props may be used in this category, however they may only be used for 1/2 of the performance or less.

2008 Phoenix

Intermediate Dancers (Amateur Category) - This category is designed for solo performers, male or female, with up to four (4) years of Middle Eastern Dance experience who may or may not have earned money through performances (competitor cannot have been hired as an entertainer for a fee by a club, entertainment service, etc. - Tips on a student night are not considered payment. Performance for Pay - including meals, gas, etc. are considered earnings and would disqualify competitor). Additionally, competitors must not have competed in Professional Categories of other Middle Eastern Dance Competitions to be considered in this amateur category. Middle Eastern music must be used; the use of "alternative" music in this category will result in competitor being disqualified. Music will be six (6)** minutes or less on a quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes). No props other than veils/cape in this category.

2008 Isis

Beginning Dancers (Amateur Category) - This category is designed for solo performers, male or female, with up to two (2) years of Middle Eastern Dance experience who may or may not have earned money through performances (competitor cannot have been hired as an entertainer for a fee by a club, entertainment service, etc. - Tips on a student night are not considered payment). Middle Eastern music must be used; the use of "alternative" music in this category will result in competitor being disqualified. Music will be six (6)** minutes or less on a quality CD, with a back-up CD provided (no cassette tapes). No props other than veils/cape in this category.

***NOTE:**

The use of zils/cymbals is not a requirement in all categories (please read each category carefully). Please see the specific categories for detailed explanation, and they are not considered "props". Keep in mind

however, zils/cymbals may enhance a dancer's performance through musical interpretation; but may also distract from the performance if not played correctly.

****NOTE:**

There will be a ten (10) second grace period given for people/machinery errors. If competitor goes over category time limit plus the ten (10) second grace period, music will be faded out and competitor/s will be disqualified.