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StarBelly School of Dance celebrates 10 years of groundbreaking belly dance art.

February 3, 2020 – StarBelly School of Dance will be celebrating it's tenth anniversary at the Visual Arts Collective on February 28th and 29th with their most ambitious show yet, Medusa Head and the Witches of Rak!

For 10 years, Starbelly School of Dance has pushed the edges of "raqs sharki," commonly referred to as belly dance, in both the Treasure Valley and the nation with compelling and unique dance art. Starting off as a show case of local professional dancers, the "Big Bad-Ass Belly Dance Show" has since taken on a narrative format and highlights the local professional performance troupe, the Starbelly Dancers, as they perform both traditional dances and creative "fusion belly dance" dance which has risen in popularity in the last 30 years. The show itself has received critical acclaim and has become a key piece in Starbelly School of Dance's mission to make belly dance seen as a high form of dance and art. Collaborating with local artisans, the featured performers for Medusa Head and the Witches of Rak! are Cecilia Rinn, the artistic director of Starbelly School of Dance, Tori King, Bayla Night, Jessica Mareena, Cassandra Joan, Chad Rinn, Alyssa Kimm, and Sarah Barker with special musical performances from Fleet Street Klezmer Band.

All proceeds for the show go toward Starbelly's scholarship and financial hardship programs that assist dancers who may be facing financial difficulties, health issues and especially are supportive to students in recovery from addiction. A silent auction, both nights, also raises many for the scholarship program.

Starbelly School of Dance has been teaching the expressive, emotional and liberating art of belly dance in Boise for over 10 years. The school welcomes all sizes, shapes, ages & genders, and they practice loving kindness, body acceptance & celebrate what makes a person uniquely them in a warm and welcoming environment. Starbelly School of Dance is thrilled to share the joy and health benefits of dance with the community.

Starbelly recently received a grant from the City of Boise Department of Arts and History to offer a workshop and show on folkloric Middle Eastern dances, "Starbelly Arabic Folkloric Dance Celebration". It will be free for all ages and levels of dance ability and provide fun, easy lessons and background about debke, kahliji and other traditional dances. This celebration is on August and is the final stop of the "Idaho Raks" tour which will launch during Treefort Festival and travel through rural Idaho, sharing the joy of Raks Sharki with new audiences. Starbelly School of Dance has also received a grant from the Idaho Commission of the Arts.

For further information about please visit <https://ceciliabellydance.com/big-bad-ass-belly-dance-show/> or contact Cecilia Rinn at (208)891-6609.

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