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Hi 🍷 I wanted to personally invite you to *Deja Zoo* — the 16th Annual Big Bad Ass Belly Dance Show. This one is really close to my heart. It’s inspired by the 80s dance club Deja Vu, which was a sanctuary for me and so many other teens in Boise.

It’s going to be a super fun show with great dance music, zoo animals, and sing-alongs.

New Order, Love & Rockets, Erasure, Joy Division, Yaz...

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If you can come, it would mean so much to me.
Love, Cecilia

Starbelly Presents- *Deja Zoo*

Hey you 🍷 I finally did it — I turned our Deja Vu nights into a show.

It’s called *Deja Zoo* (the 16th Annual Big Bad Ass Belly Dance Show) and it’s neon, a little unhinged, full of the music we danced our faces off to, plus sing-alongs and animal chaos.

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I really hope you'll come. This one is for us.

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Deja Zoo — neon, belly dance, and 80s dance music at the Visual Arts Collective

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I've included the press release below and would be happy to share photos, interviews, or additional details if helpful.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Starbelly Presents *Deja Zoo*, a Bold 80s-Inspired Belly Dance Spectacle at Visual Arts Collective

GARDEN CITY, ID — The acclaimed Starbelly Dancers return to the stage with *Deja Zoo*, the 16th Annual Big Bad Ass Belly Dance Show, premiering February 27–28 at the

Visual Arts Collective. This year's production debuts a vibrant new concept inspired by Boise's own Deja Vu dance club, reimagining the dance floor as a surreal world where instinct, identity, and imagination run wild.

Blending theatrical belly dance (Raqs Sharqi), contemporary movement, and retro 1980s style, *Deja Zoo* transforms the club into a (animal's) sanctuary... a place to shed expectations, break out of cages, and move freely. Set to pulsing dance music that you actually want to dance to and drenched in bold color, the show offers a high-impact, feel-good celebration of movement, memory, and community. In particular, this show is a love letter to longtime Treasure Valley residents who found themselves, physically and emotionally, on the Deja Vu dance floor.

"Dance floors like Deja Vu were a refuge for me when I was a teenager," says Artistic Director Cecilia Rinn. "They were one of the few places where I felt free during a difficult time. *Deja Zoo* lets me honor that spirit and invite others into that same sense of release and joy."

Under Rinn's direction, with Tori King serving as Creative Director, *Deja Zoo* features performances by the Starbelly Dancers and special guest artists, fusing traditional belly dance with contemporary and theatrical elements in a style that feels both nostalgic and fresh.

The evening opens with a live performance of *Loving Shadows*, an original rock opera by Matthew Vorhies, performed by the Mighty Band of Microbes, setting the tone with driving rhythms and emotional depth. The *Deja Zoo* portion of the show also incorporates playful puppetry by Justin Blauch of Glip Glab, and features special guest Myra Krien of Pomegranate Studios in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Bright, funny, and full of heart, *Deja Zoo* celebrates the joy of shared experience and reminds audiences that sometimes the best way to find connection is simply to step onto the dance floor together.

About the Starbelly Dancers

The Starbelly Dancers have been a cornerstone of the Treasure Valley arts community for over 16 years, creating original theatrical belly dance productions that blend traditional Raks Sharki with contemporary movement, storytelling, humor, and live music. The company performs regularly at festivals, theaters, libraries, senior centers, and community events, including Treefort Music Festival and Boise Music Week, and is known for making bold, welcoming, and accessible work for diverse audiences. Starbelly's projects and outreach programs have received support and recognition from the Boise City Department of Arts and History, the Idaho Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Alexa Rose Foundation.

Event Details

When: Friday and Saturday, February 27–28, Doors at 7:00 PM, Show at 8:00 PM

Where: Visual Arts Collective, Garden City

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door

Ages: 21+

For more information about Deja Zoo and the Starbelly Dancers, visit
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ONE-SENTENCE HOOK

A neon-soaked, 80s-inspired belly dance spectacle where the dance floor becomes a sanctuary—part nightclub, part zoo, and lots of dancing.

SHORT NEON-ENERGY SOCIAL CAPTION

Big hair, bold moves, and a dance floor gone wild. Deja Zoo is an 80s-inspired belly dance party—part nightclub, part zoo—where joy, humor, and movement take over. February 27–28 at the Visual Arts Collective. 21+.

10–12 SECOND RADIO CALENDAR READ

Starbelly Dancers present the 16th Annual Big Bad Ass Belly Dance Show: Deja Zoo, February 27th and 28th at the Visual Arts Collective. Doors at 7, show at 8. 21 and over. Tickets at the door or in advance.

SHORT ARTS-CALENDAR BLURB

Starbelly Dancers celebrate 16 years of the Big Bad-Ass Belly Dance Show with Deja Zoo, an 80s-inspired theatrical belly dance show blending neon nightlife, playful storytelling, live music, and puppetry. February 27–28 at the Visual Arts Collective. Doors at 7 PM, show at 8 PM. 21+.

MEDIA EMAIL PITCH (SHORT + FRIENDLY)

Subject: Deja Zoo — neon, belly dance, and 80s joy at the Visual Arts Collective

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