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"My Silly Um...": A Belly Dance Spectacle of Joy, Humor, and Surreal Storytelling

GARDEN CITY, ID Cecilia Rinn and the acclaimed Starbelly Dancers proudly present *The 15th Annual Big Bad-Ass Belly Dance Show: My Silly Um...,* an unforgettable evening of theatrical belly dance, blending humor, surrealism, and intricate artistry. This production invites audiences on a fantastical journey through the whimsical landscapes of imagination, exploring the themes of perception, psychedelics and the human experience..

"Dance is a doorway to an ecstatic connection and a path to healing," says Rinn. "While this show will be incredibly fun, it is really about the timeless interconnected experience we have as humans."

Performing at the Visual Arts Collective, the Starbelly Dancers—a renowned Boise-based troupe celebrated for their captivating blend of traditional, modern, and fusion belly dance styles—deliver an experience like no other. With surreal settings and dreamlike themes, *My Silly Um...* (a play on the word "mycelium") explores the absurd, joyful, and unexpected sides of life, celebrating human creativity and connection.

Under the artistic direction of Cecilia Rinn, *My Silly-Um* showcases the talents of principal dancers Cecilia Rinn and Tori King, alongside the versatile soloists Chad Rinn, Bayla Night, Cassandra Joan, and Alyssa Kimm. Each performance embodies the troupe's mission to bring belly dance to new heights, delighting audiences through their innovative approach to this timeless art form. The show will also feature original music and performance by Matthew Vorhees, live digital artistry of Studio Haskin, and the puppetry of Glip-GLab.

About the Starbelly Dancers

The Starbelly Dancers have been a mainstay of dance in the Treasure Valley, performing at high-profile events such as the Treefort Music Festival and Boise Music Week. They are lauded for their commitment to preserving and reimagining belly dance through theatrical productions and educational outreach. This includes awards from the Idaho Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Alexa Rose Foundation.

Event Details

When: February 28th and March 1st, Doors at 7pm show starts at 8pm

Where: Visual Arts Collective

Tickets: Available at www.tinyurl.com/mysillyum, \$25+fees online, \$35 at the door

For more information about *My Silly-Um...* and the Starbelly Dancers, visit <u>ceciliabellydance.com/my-silly-um</u>