

# **ARABIC** weekender

# Thursday 5 - Saturday 7 July 2001

The Nadey al Bluecoat Arabic weekender returns for the second successive July promising an even greater variety of Arabic art and culture. Come along to listen and learn, dance and drum, taste, try out and join in!

## Yemeni Family Evening

Thursday 5 July 6.00 - 10.00pm

Tickets: Family (4 persons) £15.00 Adult £5.00 Concession £4.00

The Bluecoat plays host to members of the largest Arabic community in Merseyside, with a film and dance presentation for women, open air classical recital for men, and arts and crafts activities for children.

#### WENDY BUONAVENTURA SEMINAR

Orientalist Perspectives and Dance

Friday 6 July 12.00 - 1.00pm

Tickets: £5.00 (£4.00 conc)

This seminar will include a slide show of 19th and early 20th century art relating to the Western discovery of the Arab world by travellers and artists, and the subsequent Orientalist fashion. It will examine Orientalist stereotypes and perceptions of female dancers, past and present, and current Western interest in learning and performing Arabic dance.

#### VENUS SALEH SEMINAR

The History & Social Development of Persian Dance

Friday 6 July 1.00 - 2.00pm

Tickets: £5.00 (£4.00 conc)

Joint ticket offer: Book both Seminars for the special price of £7

# Wendy Buonaventura's Arabic Dance Workshop

Friday 6 July 2.00 - 4.00pm

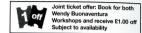
Tickets: £5.00 (£4.00 conc)

Acclaimed Arabic dance authority, Wendy Buonaventura leads a workshop for participants with a good knowledge of Arabic dance technique.

### Marrakesh by Night

Friday 6 July 6.00 - 10.00pm

Admission FREE



The Bluecoat's front courtyard will be transformed into a marketplace spectacle of food stalls, music, dance, vibrant colours, fun and fire! Also featuring Yemeni music in the Concert Hall, All welcome!

Yemeni Music performance in the Concert Hall

Tickets: £3.00 (£2.00 conc)

### Open Workshops

Saturday 7 July

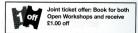
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#### Percussion Workshop 11.00am - 1.00pm

Led by Jon and Stephen Bligh, your chance to learn and try out a variety of Arabic percussion rhythms. All welcome - bring a percussion instrument if you have one.

#### Arabic Dance Workshop 1.30 - 3.30pm

Led by Caroline Wright, the North West's leading practitioner of Arabic dance. All ages and abilities welcome!



Also Yemini music from Yaser Omar Al-Nood and Maher Mohammad Abdulla, Dance presentations from Venus Saleh and much more. For further details contact Cathy Butterworth at the Bluecoat on 0151 708 8877.

#### Hossam Ramzy

Saturday 7 July 8.00pm

Tickets: £9.00 (£7.00 conc)

Born in Cairo but based in England, Hossam Ramzy is a master of Egyptian tabla and other forms of Middle Eastern percussion, a collaborator with an enormous range of musicians including Andy Sheppard, Robert Plant and Jimmy Page, Joan Armatrading, Mari Wilson and Cheb Khaled, and a composer of many award-winning film soundtracks.

Together with his wife, dancer Serena Ramzy, and a band comprising percussion, nay flute, oud, violin and accordion, Hossam will present, in the first half, classical music and dancing including various songs from Om Kalthoum, Abdel Wahab and Faris Al Atrash. The second half will include Baladi music and dancing as well as some famous Gulf songs.

#### Hossam Ramzy's Advanced Tabla Techniques Saturday 7 July 5.00pm

Tickets: £5.00 (£4.00 conc)

Joint ticket offer: Book for both Hossam Ramzy's workshop and performance to receive £1.00 off

A demonstration and master class by Hossam Ramzy for tabla players and percussionists with some experience of Arabic rhythms.

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• We regret there is no wheelchair access or lift to the Concert Hall at present.





