

# DANCING TO LIVE ARABIC MUSIC: a workshop for bellydancers and the musicians who love them

with RANYA and “The Oudman” NAJEEB SHAHEEN

**SUNDAY MARCH 9\* 5:00-7:30pm**

**\*this date begins Daylight Savings Time—don't forget  
to set your clocks FORWARD one hour the night before! ☺**



**Ranya**, one of NY's leading Arabic dancers, has been studying Arabic language and music since early in her dance career. Part of her mission as a dance teacher is helping dancers to better understand Arabic music, to more fully enjoy their dance and to add depth and flair to their performances. She and Najeeb worked together on various music and dance projects since 1995.

DON'T MISS this opportunity to study with **Najeeb Shaheen**, master oudist and luthier, in the warm vibe of his own beautiful café. An engaging, one-of-a-kind personality, Najeeb has a wealth of insights on classical and traditional interpretation of Arabic music as well as many years of nightclub experience playing for the New York area's top dancers. In addition, few would argue that Najeeb's falafel is the best in NYC, and you can enjoy some after the workshop! Visit [www.oudman.com](http://www.oudman.com) for more about Najeeb's work.

## **WORKSHOP CONTENT INCLUDES:**

Arabic music fundamentals such as taqsim (improvisation), melodic phrasing, orchestration, maqam modulation--as they apply to dance; Dancer-musician communication and interaction, including how dancers can learn to hear and interpret the nuances of the music in their dancing; Special focus on how styles of Oriental dance music have changed over the years. PLUS: Your questions answered!

***All levels of dancers and musicians are welcome.  
Musicians who are proficient in Middle Eastern music may  
bring their instruments to the workshop.***



**FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION: [www.ranya.net](http://www.ranya.net) office@ranya.net 718-706-0037**

**LOCATION:** Najeeb's Place, 374 Graham Ave. (btwn Conselyea & Skillman), Williamsburg, Brooklyn  
1½ blocks from L train Graham Ave. stop at Metropolitan, or about 7 blocks from G train Metropolitan stop.

**FEE:** \$30 paid in advance (by Sat. 3/8) or \$35 at the door (sorry, no refunds possible)  
Space is limited: please register early to guarantee your spot—you can register through Ranya or through Najeeb at his restaurant. Phone at the restaurant is 718-387-8333.