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Bellydance Connects Women from All Walks of Life

SINGAPORE – Founded by one of Singapore’s finest bellydancers, Angelina Tay, the School of Bellydance offers a unique program - “The Bellydancers’ Course” that seeks to groom women from all walks of life over a period of six months to perform on International Women’s Day, in support of the Lupus Association Singapore.

“Traditionally a dance for women and by women, bellydance celebrates femininity,” says Angelina Tay. “The intensive training and drills of the program not only groom them to be better dancers and more confident women but also create an amazingly strongly-bonded community of women supporting women.”

The course is conducted twice a week, every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the School of Bellydance. The current group of 11 women will be performing on March 8, 2013, International Women’s Day at the Jubilee Hall in Raffles Hotel, in support of the Lupus Association Singapore. “Lupus is a medical illness affecting the immune system of mostly Asian and Black women. Not many know of this illness and we hope to help raise awareness and funds for the association,” says Angelina Tay.

“As I’ve come to know, Bellydance originated as an art steeped in the beliefs of supporting women in fertility and childbirth concerns, I see too how it has evolved into a vibrant art of beauty shared among women from all walks of life. In

Bellydance, there is no segregation whatsoever. My friends and I are of all ages, of varied faiths and occupations – we are modern women who find joy in the dance that truly exemplifies beauty in each of us. It’s a magical experience among kindred spirits,” says Michelle Anne Seow, student of the month from The School of Bellydance.

For more information or to arrange an interview with Angelina Tay, or Michelle Anne Seow, call (65) 9002-6104.

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Trained in the arts of music, dance and theatre, Angelina Tay began her journey into the performing arts at the age of seven. Starting her study of bellydance in 2002, Angelina has frequently traveled to Egypt where she has learnt from some of the world’s finest dancers and teachers. She has since become one of the most sought after bellydancers in Singapore, having performed at several prestigious events, including the Esplanade Dan:s Festivals, and Qatar Airways launch of its Tokyo stopover in Japan. She was even a top ten finalist in the Miss Singapore Universe pageant in 2007. Although she has gained the vast majority of her expertise through her varied independent studies and professional experience, Angelina is also a graduate of the National University of Singapore, where she earned a degree in Theatre Studies and Philosophy.