

Dances of Diversity

Dances of Diversity are CoastFest's Multi-Cultural Community coming together to share dances and workshops from the 4 corners of our globe!

Performances

Throughout the weekend a variety of dance displays will take place. Experienced dancers in traditional costumes of their country will demonstrate the grace and beauty of their dance form. Included will be dances from the Middle East, Indonesia, Africa, The Pacific Islands, China, and Indigenous Australia, as well as contemporary styles such as Hip Hop, Modern and Gothique Fusion!

Friday Night your eyes can feast upon a tantalizing array of dance in our "Exotic Flavour's Concert"! The Creative Nations Stage comes alive with a night of African, Indonesian and Arabic Dance and Drums, with Balinese, Javanese, Gypsy, Gothique Fusion, Bollywood, Tribal and Egyptian belly dancers, the Arabic Fusion Band Tariiq Turuk, with the night culminating in explosive rhythms of drum and dance with West African Senegalese troupe, Jamo Jamo!

Sunday will feature "Dances of Diversity Parts 1 and 2", where Traditional meets Contemporary with dances from China, Arabia, The Pacific Isles, Hip Hop and Youth groups taking the stage.

Workshops

A variety of dance workshops for all ages will be scattered throughout

the day, as well as on Saturday morning, and at other venues around the festival. Try your hand, or should we say, feet, at Hip Hop, &Nesian Fusion, Belly Dance, Tribal FyouSion and Afro-Cuban.

Enjoy a dance at CoastFest!!

Afro Cuban Dance

Francoise Angenieux

Join Francoise and Jean-Jacques Angenieux for an energetic dance workshop based on Afro-Jazz and Contemporary dance techniques to live drums and a blend of African and Cuban rhythms. Fast paced but adapted for all abilities and levels of dancers.

&The Forest& is a response to the Regional Identity Project whose idea was to connect the Land to the Artist and see what artistic or spiritual response would evolve. Francoise was a professional dancer with the Sydney Dance Company for 11 years, and now calls the Central Coast home.

Belly Babies

Bellydance performance

These young but talented bellydance babes will amaze and inspire you with their skill and confidence in the art of bellydance. Shienna age 9 and Amelia age 12 will dance with veils and to a spunky drum solo!

Desert Flame

Alexandra

Authentic and traditional Egyptian bellydance, Indian Bollywood and American Tribal dance, with mesmerising, passionate and varied performances including swords, fire, canes, veils, Isis wings, and percussion. Look out for their performance at the Friday night’s &Exotic Flavour’s” Concerts and also at Dances of Diversity and the Sails Stage.

Desert Moon Dancers

Dani Graczyk

This Bellydance Fusion group, from Newcastle, bring to the festival traditional bellydance moves spiced up with flavours from around the world. Also Raks Gothique and Industrial styles bring fantasy and free expression through dance to their audience.

Jamo Jamo

West African Drum and Dance

Experience the rich culture of West Africa with the professional Senegalese artists Fode Mane and Yacou Mbaye as they present their energetic, exhilarating and uplifting rhythms and dances. For an unforgettable experience with explosive, inspirational and infectious rhythms, get up and dance!

*Jamo Jamo is also facilitating a dance workshop in the Stomping Ground!

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Popular Hip Hop

idance Central Coast is a local hip hop studio , with a young and funky crew performing all types of hip hop including popping, locking, breaking, dance hall and crumping. Dancing to all types of popular hip hop music, idance will inspire not only the young at heart, but the young to old, to funk it out!

* idance will also perform at the Sails stage and facilitate a workshop.

Nesian Fusion

Josie and Lisl

Josie and Lisl's Nesian Fusion's dance is influenced strongly from their father's beautiful Pacific Island heritage, their mother's background in bellydance and their own interest in hip hop, which they fuse together to create their style of dance. Their dances consist of traditional 'meke' style (slow dance) and the fast hip shaking, drum beat, booty bumping! Josie and Lisl's dance style is fun, fresh and vibrant. High energy and exciting, come with us to the islands and help us to shake it, shake it, shake it!

* Nesian Fusion will also perform at the Sails stage, facilitate a workshop, and demonstrate how to scrape a coconut!!

Balinese Dance

Sisca Hunt

The Balinese and Javanese cultures have strong connections to their dances, as the dance portrays myths and legends. The dancer represents a character, and moves with the grace of a butterfly, the beauty of a peacock, or the glide of a bird.

With Gamelan, traditional cultural music, and the colours and ornaments worn in the costume, helps to portray the spirit of Bali and Java. Bali has a strong influence from the Chinese and Hindu cultures while Java has a strong influence from the Moslem religion.

Ruby Moon

Youth Contemporary Dance

This Central Coast dance group was formed in Feb, 2008 by talented dance students from all over the coast. Their first dance performance will be detailing the emotions of teenagers, and choreographed from the emotional point of view that is confusion.

All the movement is inspired by the circle. Also being performed today is a piece called "Love";.

Rainbow Dance Studio

Micheala Tymichova

"Love on a Dance Floor" is a fusion of sensual bellydance and energetic modern dance. It takes the audience on a mysterious journey of what's hidden, through sweet, sensual seduction to a passionate explosion of joy and happiness. Following this performance by the Rainbow Dance Studio, Micheala will run a workshop "Elemental Bellydance"; Playful dance using the 4 elements of Earth, Water, Fire and Air. Dance is a quintessence of love that connects them all.

Chinese Dance

Central Coast Chinese Assn.

The embodiment of Chinese art and culture, this group will present dances with graceful movements, traditional costumes and music, and props such as ribbons, fans and umbrellas. They will perform several dances, with interludes of music with the Chinese lute, called "Pi Pa";.

Tariiq Turuk

and the Dance of Life

The Dance of Life Gypsy Bellydance Troupe and Tariiq Turuq Arabic Fusion live band are a collaboration developed between the extended Dance of Life family to produce dance with live music. Playing music from the Middle East and Eastern Europe, the group combine traditional and fusion dancing with traditional and modern instrumentation in an exciting and innovative way.

Temple Goddess

Bellydance

Travel through the beautiful realms of Bellydance and celebrate womanhood, passion and freedom with Kazzra and Temple Goddess.

* Also performing at the Sails stage and a workshop for children at KidFest on Sunday morning.

Tribal FyouSION

Kathy Popplewell

This workshop is inspired by women and nature, and is combined with modern day fitness and yoga principals. Within this mind-body fitness experience you will explore your deep feminine beauty, wisdom and power through the use of movement, sound and visual stories. Qualified Yoga Teacher, Laughter Yoga Teacher and Fitness Instructor, Kathy has a natural ability to dance, express & connect. Take this unique opportunity to help you love your body, celebrate life and make fitness fun!

Friday

7.00 – 8.00 pm

Exotic Flavours Concert

Desert Flame

Wings, Veils, Canes and Fire

The Dance of Life

Gypsy Bellydance

Sisca Hunt

Balinese Dance

Desert Moon Dancers

Fantasy Bellydance

9.00 – 10.00

Tariiq Turuq

& the Dance of Life

Arabic Fusion Band

Desert Flame

Tribal, Swords and Passion

Desert Moon Dancers Gothique and Industrial Bellydance

Sisca Hunt

Javanese Dance

11.00 – 12.00pm

Jamo Jamo

will drum their irresistible rhythms and perform the high energy dances of Traditional West African folklore.

Saturday

10.00 – 11.00am

Tribal FyouSion

Modern Tribal dance workshop

11.00 – 12.00 am

Rainbow Dance School

“Love on the Dance Floor”.

Sunday

10.00 – 10.30am

Desert Flame

Bellydance workshop

10.30 – 11.00am

Nesian Fusion

Pacific Island dance workshop

11.00 – 12.00 am

Dances of Diversity Part 1

Desert Flame - Bollywood

Nesian Fusion

Central Coast Chinese Assn.

Ruby Moon

Temple Goddess Bellydance

12.00 – 12.30

Afro Cuban workshop

12.30 – 1.30pm

Dances of Diversity Part 2

Belly Babes

Desert Flame Bellydance

idance Hip Hop

Francoise Angenieux –

“The Forest”

1.30 – 2.00

idance Hip Hop workshop

In addition to these performances, Sunday at the Sails Stage will host a blackboard menu of dance performance, a coconut scraping demo by Nesian Fusion!