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Farasha and Su'ad



We began our friendship and dance collaboration in 1992, first in the **Society for Creative**

**Anachronism** (we both have received the highest art award of the SCA), then at Middle Eastern Dance

seminars, and finally as workshop teachers and sponsors. We started our individuals journeys in Middle Eastern Dance in 1981; Farasha in Harrisburg, PA, and Su'ad in Madison, WI. Our experiences include teaching, performing and choreography. Based in CT, **Su'ad** is Artistic Director of **Desert Moon Dancers** (est. in 1991), which has performed at many



venues across the Northeast.

**Farasha** is an active community teacher and performer in NJ, and a former member of Morocco's Casbah Dance Experience. We share our love of this dance in our home communities by co-sponsoring annual seminar and showcases in Connecticut and New Jersey. As **Farasha & Su'ad Dance & Designs** we sell unique and high-quality Middle Eastern dance accessories, jewelry, music, and costumes.

Since we first saw **Ayshe** perform and seen her teach we've wanted to sponsor her - please join us for this unique day of dance! For more information contact **Su'ad** at [nancysuad@gmail.com](mailto:nancysuad@gmail.com) or **Farasha** at [farashadance@gmail.com](mailto:farashadance@gmail.com)

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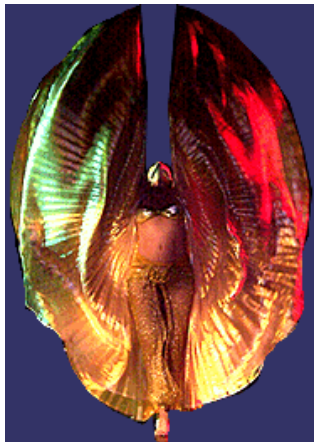
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Several restaurants nearby, as well as a shopping center with a grocery store and other stores.

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**Wings over Connecticut with Ayshe  
Dance Workshop and Show  
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## “Wings over Connecticut”



*Ayshe* is a New York dance artist, choreographer and designer who blends her Greek and American heritage to create an exotic and unusual dance style. She has trained extensively in classical ballet, modern dance, yoga, and numerous ethnic dance forms, particularly Middle Eastern dance, ancient Pharaonic dance, and Indian dance. She holds a B.A. from Hunter College in Dance & Human Movement, Archaeology, and Middle Eastern Studies. Ayshe's dance styles include: Turkish and Egyptian style belly dance, Indian dance, ancient Egyptian Pharaonic dance, and fusion/ fantasy belly dance.

Wings were originally used for costuming in Las Vegas acts & Caribbean carnival parades. They found their way into Middle Eastern dance as a means to depict the Egyptian Goddess, Isis, who appears on ancient wall paintings with large bird wings. **Ayshe** is responsible for the initiation of use of "Wings of Isis" as a spectacular belly dance prop that transforms a dancer into a vision of a winged goddess. Her instructional DVD, **WINGS: THE COMPLETE TECHNIQUE**, is the

only one of its kind, fully describing and teaching, step by step, the movement vocabulary that Ayshe has created for dancing with wings. Ayshe designs wings for dancers worldwide. Her wings are featured in BELLY DANCE SUPERSTARS. Her company, "Wings of Ayshe" emphasizes designing high quality wings of unusual fabrics and textures. Ayshe continues to experiment with wings, using them with many styles of music and movement.

**Farasha and Su'ad** are proud to sponsor this innovative and creative dancer and teacher. Whether you have used wings before, or this is your first time, this workshop will provide you with techniques and movement combinations to enhance your own dance using "Wings of Isis".

### A bit about Ayshe (www.wingsofayshe.com)

Recently, Ayshe has been working on creative performance projects and workshops with Venus Uprising (www.venusuprising.com) and has been performing in dance and fitness DVD's for World Dance New York. In the spring of 2009, she performed and taught at Maja's "Spirit of the Tribes" in Florida and had the honor to perform at Cirque du Soleil's premiere party for the show *Kooza*. Also, in 2009, she started working with a new group, Cult of Isis, focused on performing ancient Egyptian dances. The group premiered in the Venus Uprising show, Metamorphosis and at Rakkasah East of that year. In 2010, she taught and performed at Rakkasah's Spring Caravan and Cult of Isis was featured at the NY Theatrical Bellydance Conference that July. In Spring, 2010, Ayshe joined Tayyar Akdeniz's "Folk Tours" as a personal assistant and member of the teaching staff. In July 2011, Ayshe was invited to teach and perform at the NY Theatrical Bellydance Conference, and is scheduled to teach at the Rakkasah Spring Caravan in 2012.

**Ayshe** has danced throughout the New York area in clubs, museums, cultural festivals, and theater settings. Some notable appearances have been at MTV's Christmas Party, the Taj Mahal Casino and Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City. She has appeared at the Museum of Natural History and Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium with Morocco's Casbah Dance Experience. As part of New York City's summer arts festival she appeared on Summerstage with renown Calypsonian Super Blue, and again with the New York Grand Opera's production of *Aida* (2003 & 2008). In the summer of 2002, Ayshe performed and did costuming for Jehan's off-Broadway production of *Goddessdance*, at the American Theater for Actors, and again in 2003 at the Poet's Den and the Director's Studio. In the spring of 2003 she appeared in an international music and dance festival in Trinidad. In 2004, Ayshe appeared in Lincoln Center's summer dance series as part of the show, "Divas of Middle Eastern Dance". Ayshe has also appeared with the Shoshana Dance Theatre, the American Egyptian Dance Co., and Ramzi El Edlebi's dance troupe. She collaborated with Nadia Moussa for several years on a number of projects appearing and presenting works in venues such as the Public Theatre and the Turkish community's millennium Mayfest Arts Events Series. In the mid-nineties she organized a New Jersey Middle Eastern dance series, at the Istanbul Tavern Dinner Club, that bi-annually presented different dance troupes. These included Oriental Images, Dunyavi Dance Theatre, and Morocco's Casbah Dance Experience.

Class held at Crozier Williams Student Center  
(Student Union Building)  
Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave, New London, CT  
www.conncoll.edu/admissions/visiting/directions

Saturday, March 17  
Registration 9:30 - 11 AM  
Class with Ayshe 11 AM - 1 PM  
Break 1 - 2 PM  
Class with Ayshe 2 - 4 PM  
Break 4 - 6 PM  
Showcase doors open 6 PM  
Show! 6:30 - 8 PM

Class held in a real dance studio with mirrors!  
Ayshe will have loaner wings, and we will have wings for sale.

### Class Fees

Class with Ayshe **only \$70** (includes show ticket)

*Register early, as class size will be limited!*

Show Tickets \$12 (kids <10 years old free)

Show DVD \$25 (performers only)  
Note: Performers will have to sign a DVD release.

**Teacher special** - 5 students sign up and pre-pay by March 10 and you get in for free!

### Vending by

*Farasha & Su'ad* Dance & Designs

### Performer Invitation

**Come spread your wings!** A limited number of dance slots are available for the show, first come-first served. All performers must register for the seminar. **Please limit performance time to 5 min max.**

To perform, send your name, dance name, name of song, type of dance, and contact info to **Su'ad at nancysuad@gmail.com**

*Farasha & Su'ad, Ayshe, and Connecticut College are not liable for injury or loss of personal property during this seminar or show. NO refunds unless event is cancelled. We will cancel for weather ONLY if our teacher cannot arrive. Absolutely NO videotaping allowed except by show sponsors.*

-- fill in form below or go online --

www.farasha-suad.com  
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Class with Ayshe (includes show ticket) \$70  
Additional Show Tickets (children <10 years old free) \$12  
Show DVD (performers only) \$25  
**Grand total class, show, DVD** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Sign in for all attendees:**  
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