

**Registration for Beach Blanket Beledi 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Stage Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in this event is at my own risk. Neither Chelydra, Sahra Saeeda, nor the Comfort Inn will be held responsible for illness, injury, loss, or damages to myself or my belongings.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or legal guardian must sign for a minor.)

Please fill out one form per registrant.

**Seminar + Dance Party:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$80 (by 09/07)  
\$90 (after 09/07)  
NOTE: Each group of five or more receives \$5 off each registration; all registrations **MUST** be in same envelope.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like to participate in the dance party.  
I understand that openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis as registrations are received. Due to the high demand for dance slots, performers may only dance once (group or solo).

\_\_\_\_\_ Solo  
\_\_\_\_\_ Group (all performers must register)  
Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(non-refundable check payable to **Chelydra**, or **online registration** at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-blanket-beledi-2021-tickets-115584788213>)

**MAIL TO:** P.O. Box 1973  
Newport News, VA 23601

07/15/2021



**Sahra Saeeda**  
Riverside, CA

As a **performer**, Sahra performs Orientale and Egyptian Folkloric worldwide. Los Angeles California based, she moved to Cairo to research in 1989, and within the month received a contract with the Meridian-Heliopolis 5-star hotel. She held a continuous 6-night per week contract there for nearly 6 years. She holds the record in Cairo Egypt for the longest running contract of a foreign dancer at a 5-Star Hotel, with over 1600 shows in Cairo alone.

Sahra will present *Taqsim, Tarab, and Saltanah*, an exploration of musical improvisation and the emotional and healing effect of music from the Arabic perspective. A distinguishing feature of Arabic music is the concept of tarab (enchantment). Achieving tarab requires saltanah, an understanding of the underlying maqam, or modal scale, of the music.

Sahra will also present *Baladi Awad and Tet Baladi*. Baladi literally means "my country", but to Egyptian-style dancers it can refer to a specific progression of musical sections. We will explore the classic structure of the musical/rhythmic sections in the two basic types of baladi, Baladi Awad and Tet Baladi, and learn steps and movement for each section.

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**Chelydra**  
Newport News, VA

Early in her career as a middle eastern dancer, **Chelydra** fell in love with the folk dances of North Africa and the Middle East. As the original artistic director of the Caravan East Dance Troupe, and then through Dancing Turtle Folk Arts, she has performed and taught these dances throughout the mid-Atlantic region for more than two decades, and is proud to have been selected twice to perform in the ODU Local Choreographer's Showcase. She considers dance to be serious fun.

Chelydra will present *Hot Disney Princess and Other Personas*. Using simple step combinations, we will experiment with evoking different emotions and personas through variations in timing, posture, visual focus, movement emphasis and attitude.

**FRIDAY MARKETPLACE**

Have something to sell? Display your bargains at the Friday evening marketplace. Setup is from 7:30-8:00 PM. Just find Linda, pay her \$5, grab an open table, and sell your treasures. *To ensure shoppers' safety, please ensure that clothing items are cleaned, deodorized, or disinfected in some manner.*

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**SATURDAY DANCE PARTY**

Performing slots for the dance party are available on a first-come, first-served basis (priority is given to returning performers who were wait-listed the previous year). Twelve openings are reserved for returning performers, and six are reserved for new participants. Open dance slots will be filled from the waiting list after the preregistration cutoff. **To be fair to everyone, performers may only dance once (group or solo).** You **MUST** register for the seminar to qualify for a place in the program.

Routines are limited to **seven minutes** (but remember, less is sometimes more). **Music MUST be emailed to Chelydra by Friday, September 24. Failure to submit your music by the deadline will forfeit your dance slot.**

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**SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

**Friday, October 8, 2021**

Virginia Dare Ballroom  
8:00-9:30 PM Welcome Wagon & Bargain Marketplace  
(\$5 per market space – pay Linda at the door)

**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

Virginia Dare Ballroom  
>>> Continuous Bazaar for Seminar & Dance Party <<<  
\*\*\* Scheherezade Imports \*\*\*

9:30-10:30 Registration (**vendors/staff only until 9:30 AM**)  
10:30-12:30 **Taqsim, Tarab, and Saltanah** Sahra Saeeda  
12:30- 1:30 Lunch (on your own; brown bag recommended due to time constraints)  
1:30-3:30 **Baladi Awad and Tet Baladi** Sahra Saeeda  
3:30- 4:00 Break  
4:00- 5:00 **HDP & Other Personas** Chelydra

8:00- ??? Dance Party *Individual serving pre-packaged snacks only!*

The dance surface is a mix of carpet and portable dance floor. You may want to bring dance slippers.

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**SEMINAR LOCATION**

**Comfort Inn South Oceanfront**  
Milepost 17  
8031 Old Oregon Inlet Road  
Nags Head, NC 27959  
1-252-441-6315

The Comfort Inn is located at Milepost 17 on the Beach Road. Most rooms are equipped with a microwave and small refrigerator. Continental breakfast is provided in the breakfast room every morning. A variety of restaurants, convenience stores, and specialty shops are nearby for your dining and shopping pleasure.

A double room rate of \$90 (soundside) or \$113 (ocean view) is being offered (\$10 each for a third and fourth person), and a limited number of King rooms are available for \$113 (ocean view). Tax is currently 12.75%. Be sure to mention **Beach Blanket Beledi** when you make your reservation. (Reservations must be cancelled 48 hours in advance, or a 1-night stay will be charged.) Check-in time is 4 PM; check-out is 11 AM. **No more than four persons per room are allowed by the local fire/safety code.**

Reserve rooms by **Tuesday, 9/07/2021**, or rate and availability are not guaranteed. The hotel frequently sells out over this holiday weekend, so don't procrastinate in making your reservation.

Closest Airport: Norfolk International (ORF)  
Alternate Airport: Newport News/Williamsburg International (PHF)  
(Rental car required to reach Nags Head.)

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**COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS**

**\*\*\* Subject to Change \*\*\***

- Participant safety is the primary concern; Chelydra reserves the right to postpone the event to October 2022 if she deems conditions unsafe regardless of any public policies in effect.
- Participants in Beach Blanket Beledi **must** comply with any federal, state, and local public health restrictions.
- If the event is postponed, all registrations will be rolled forward automatically. Refunds will be issued to those dancers who cannot accommodate the new dates.
- Due to the higher percentage of high-risk participants at BBB, full vaccination is **highly** recommended.
- As a private event, and for the protection of **everyone**, expect to wear a face mask within the ballroom even if not mandated by public health restrictions.
- No additional dance party guests are allowed. The dance party will be participants and staff only.
- No touchless water station is anticipated; bring your own refillable drink bottle or bottled water.
- Individual serving pre-packaged snacks only at the dance party.

26th Annual

**BEACH  
BLANKET  
BELEDI  
2021**

*Oceanfront Fun for Everyone!!*

**FEATURING:**

**Sahra Saeeda  
Chelydra**

**October 8-9  
NAGS HEAD, NC**



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**Return Service Requested**

  
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