



Samantha Riggs comes to Southampton!!!!

Workshops and Hafla

June 20th and 21st

Venue: Fleming Park Leisure Centre

To book, please contact Heike Humphreys on her mobile: 07989 305859 or email: heike.humphreys@me.com

Cost per workshop - £25; Saturday only £45; Sunday only £65; all 5 workshops £100; Hafla only £15. The prices listed include a hot vegetarian buffet and a hafla with performances from Samantha & Colette on the Saturday night!

Saturday, June 20th: "Why Is The Rum Always Gone?"

Choreography in 2 parts:

13.00 – 15.00 hours: Part 1

15.30 – 17.30 hours: Part 2 (participants of this workshop must also book for part 1)

Pirate Bellydance is the culmination of Samantha's experience with tribal fusion, stage combat, Bollywood and Bhangra, African fusion, comedy theatre and tall ship sailing... plus a little bit of madness... or brilliance (it's remarkable how often those two traits coincide). Imagine the dynamic action of shipboard sword fights, the physicality of Bhangra and African dance, and the tongue-in-cheek humor of drunken Bollywood or Pirate movie comedy scenes and you may begin to scratch the surface of the spirit of Pirate Bellydance. In this workshop you will learn to do drop, spins and shimmies all while keeping your bottle safe! This workshop covers the coordination necessary to transfer an open bottle from hand to hand as a dancer transitions from fancy footwork to athletic floor work. These skills can be applied to almost any hand-held prop (rum bottles, fire props, swords, etc.) and will also come in handy at parties. Please bring a plastic water bottle (at least partly filled with water) to use as a prop in class and if you need knee, ankle or foot support for floor work and drops, please bring that too!

Level: All (athletic). Some Bellydance experience is helpful.

7.30 till late (Studio 1 upstairs): Hafla starring Samantha & Colette

Sunday, June 21st:

11am – 1pm: Domba Tribal Combos

The world-renowned Domba Tribal Fusion troupe developed many of their own combos during their time together, which are a great addition to any tribal bellydancer's repertoire! Samantha will teach you as many as you can absorb in the time allotted, and you can feel free to use them in your own work. Some of Domba's signature combos: The Sidewinder, The Kickback Shoulder Shimmy, The Mudwalk, The Wedgie Drop and the Jazille Combo (skirt move).

Please wear a 10-yard skirt as we will be utilizing it for some of the combos – and be sure to wear something under it as we will be doing some spins and drops! *Level: All. Some Bellydance experience is helpful.*

2pm – 4pm: Tribal Fusion Combos for Adventurers:

Samantha's training and experience has covered so many areas of dance and the arts that she is not sure where one leaves off and the other begins, anymore... she just boldly *does*. The moves taught in this workshop draw from multiple inspirations and are guaranteed to be fun and exciting. If you would like some tribal fusion combos to add to your repertoire that are original, innovative, theatrical, athletic and possibly irreverent then this is the class for you. **If you need pads for floorwork or knee/ankle support to do deep knee bends, please bring it (alternate moves will be available for those with knee issues).** If you wear a skirt, be sure to wear something under it as we will be jumping and spinning! Also, please bring your senses of humor and adventure.

Level: All (athletic). Some Bellydance experience is helpful.

4.30 – 6.30pm: Badass Bollywood

"Badass" Bollywood will teach Hollywood's more dynamic, physical and high-impact moves as well as the darker side of devotional postures (think Kali instead of Parvati). This workshop covers the full-body theatrical expression that makes Hindi movies so fun, unique, and riveting, including choreography from the popular songs, "Ishq Kamina" (Shakti: The Power), "Kohe Kahe Kehta Rahe" (Dil Chahta Hai) and "Yeh Ledka Hai Allah" and "Bole Churiyan" (Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham). It is suitable for men, women and young people at least 12 years of age – beginners, intermediate or advanced students in the Bollywood Style. Women should be sure and wear a sports or support bra.

Pants are recommended – students will only get frustrated wearing a skirt. Bring knee and/or foot pads if you need them for floor work. If you need knee or ankle support to do deep knee bends, please bring it. Go where no belly dancer has gone before! Level: All. Some dance experience is helpful.

Biography:

Samantha Riggs is the Founder, Artistic Director, Choreographer and Lead Dancer for both Boom Boom Bollywood and The Sexy Scallywags Dance Circus in Tempe, Arizona, and is a performer with Jamila Lotus Renaissance bellydance troupe and Fyrae fire arts troupe. She was the assistant director as well as a core dancer, teacher, musician and choreographer for *Domba* Tribal Fusion Dance Troupe (winners of the 2006 Zaghareet "Best Troupe" award) from 1996 until their dissolution in October of 2006. Samantha has traveled the world teaching Bollywood Style Dance, Bhangra, Tribal Style Bellydance, Tribal Fusion, Fire Arts and "Pirate" Bellydance. She has sold out classes at TribalFest every year since 2005. Her innovative "Minnat Kare" choreography won *Boom Boom Bollywood* first place in the Aashiyana All-Indus Dance Competition in 2007.



For Samantha, Art is really all about Love and about expanding the small definition of Love present in mass consciousness to a pure, unadulterated, consuming, spiritual, feral existence without fear. Lately, this belief has inspired her to expressions in her choreography of hope for an alliance against the worldwide enslavement regime.

Samantha is also a tall ship sailor and gunner. She can often be found somewhere off the west coast of the United States or Canada, 70-90 feet in the air in the rigging, hauling like mad on a halyard, happily covered in pine tar or firing the black powder cannons of the brig Lady Washington. She has recently formed a non-profit organization dedicated to building a replica of the USS Porpoise, a brig launched in 1836, which was involved in hunting slavers off the west coast of Africa in the 1840s.

Check Samantha out: sam@boomboombollywood.com

References:

- ☆ **Heidi Alexander**, Director and Founder of *Domba* – domba@cox.net
- ☆ **Kajira Djoumana**, Founder of TribalFest and Black Sheep Bellydance – kd@blacksheepbellydance.com
- ☆ **Ava Fleming**, International Performer/Instructor & Bellydancer of the Universe 2004 – info@avafleming.com
- ☆ **Kami Liddle**, Popular Performer and Instructor with the *Bellydance Superstars* – kami@kamiliddle.com
- ☆ **Paulette Rees-Denis**, Founder of Gypsy Caravan and Tribal Dance Legend – paulette@gypsyncaravan.us
- ☆ **Cathi Taucher**, Bellydance Cruise Tour Promoter – destinytravel@sbcglobal.net
- ☆ **Lindsey MacQueen**, UK Tribal Bellydance Promoter and Innovator – lindseymacqueen@yahoo.com

The Venue:

Fleming Park Leisure Centre & Golf Course

Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 9NL;

<http://www.dcleisurecentres.co.uk/Centres/Hampshire/Fleming+Park+Leisure+Centre/Fleming+Park+Leisure+Centre>

The workshops will take place in Studio 2; The Park Suite, which belongs to the Golf Club, will be available to us for lunch and after the workshop. You can take full advantage of the bar and sip you drink whilst overlooking the park!

Since this is a leisure centre, why not pack that swimming cossie and go for a swim before or after class?

Useful Addresses:

Homeleigh Guesthouse: <http://www.homeleighguesthouse.co.uk/>

Contact Nigel on 023 8061 6480; special rate of £26 per person per night for workshop participants.

Holiday Inn, Eastleigh: <http://www.avaweb.co.uk/hampshire/holidayinneastleigh.html>

Travelodge: http://www.travelodge.co.uk/search_and_book/hotel_overview.php?hotel_id=67

Guezel Turkish Bistro: <http://www.guezelbistro.co.uk/>; Call Hassan on 023 8064 7996

Southampton Tourist Information: www.visit-southampton.co.uk; Tel: 023 80833333