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“Café Al Andalúz”

Near Eastern/Spanish music and dance: concert and workshops, December 5, 6, 7th, in Iowa City, Iowa

Salaam Middle Eastern Music Ensemble, hosted by Kahraman Dance, will be in Iowa City for a weekend of Near Eastern music and dance. Both concert and workshops will feature an infusion of Spanish music with an additional band member bringing flamenco guitar and vocals and Sephardic music to the mix. The Friday evening concert and weekend workshops are open to the public.

Friday, December 5th “Café Al Andalúz”

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door

Tickets are available cash/check in person or by phone/credit card at Trumpet Blossom Café 319-248-0077

Trumpet Blossom Café is located at 310 E. Prentiss St in Iowa City

Door will open at 7:30 for general seating with show at 8 PM

The live concert at Trumpet Blossom Café will feature the music of Salaam Music Ensemble, party dancing for guests, and dance performances by Farida of Kahraman, Kahraman Dancers and belly dancers from across the Midwest. Trumpet Blossom Café will feature menu items and drink specials inspired by the music and dance of the event. The kitchen will be serving until 10 PM.

Saturday and Sunday, December 6th & 7th, Workshops with Salaam and Farida of Kahraman

Music: Maqam, Taxim and Tonic, Saturday 11-1, \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door

Rhythm: Dum Tec and Ole!, Saturday 2-4, \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door

Dance: Sambame, Sunday 11-1 and 2-4, \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door

Workshops held at The Studio, 700 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City

Registration/check in is at 10:30 AM, workshops at 11 on both days.

Pre-registration and weekend package information available at www.kahramandance.org

The two workshops with Salaam will include Near Eastern music theory/Maqams and rhythms with special emphasis on Spanish/Andalusian/Sephardic influences. Sunday's workshop will feature Spanish fusion styling for the dancer and choreography by Farida of Kahraman. Beginning through advanced level participants are welcome. Musicians are welcome on Saturday. Pre-registration is recommended, individual class prices and weekend package information available on our website.

More information on Music and Dance workshops is available at www.kahramandance.org, for more information about Salaam and to hear music samples visit www.salaamband.com and www.tomaslozano.com.

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