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Class name: **CULTURAL DANCES**

Class Category: Traditional Dance/Full Circle Movement

Ages/Grades: K - 12

Time Required (one session, more than one session): 3 to 5 sessions, 50 minutes per class.

Max class size: 24 - 30

No materials fee

Salary: \$65 hourly

Class Description: Students will learn traditional steps of five cultural dances, HULA, BOLLYWOOD/BHANGRA, SPANISH GYPSY FLAMENCO, FUSION, EGYPTIAN BELLY DANCE.

The students will be encouraged to express their physical creativity as they connect to the music and rhythms, while learning short choreographed routines. They will also be introduced to floor work, (creative travel across the floor) with combinations of steps and patterns.

Cultural dances allow students to begin to understand another culture.

Dance at its core is communication through geometry, expressed through the patterns of step, music and beats.

Artist Bio:



Zafirah has been an international dancer and instructor of cultural dance for 20 years. She has danced all over North America, and has taught students from 5 to 85! Along with the dances she offers in the schools, (see above), she had danced and taught many styles of bellydance: Turkish, ATS, Modern Fusion, and Greek styles. She is passionate and excited to encourage students to build and expand their dance vocabulary as it relates to cultural dances, as well as the exhilarating physicality of expression that dance allows. She has taught at multiple schools, Parks and Rec. Departments as well as been the Theatrical Arts. Director at Columbia Elementary, 2022 - 2023 school year.