

# The Middle Eastern Dance Guild of Eugene

MEDGE is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to foster performance, education, and enjoyment of Middle Eastern Dance and Music in Eugene, Oregon. The organization was founded in 1991, and now has a membership of more than 120 performers, musicians, students, and supporters of Middle Eastern music and dance. We maintain a membership in the Lane Arts Council, and try to bring quality presentations of Middle Eastern dance and music into the public eye.

The Guild is open to any who share our vision of education and entertainment of Middle Eastern dance, music, and culture. We have performers, musicians, artists, former dancers, and people who are “just fans” on our membership list. MEDGE is organized and run entirely by volunteers. Our board of directors is comprised of elected officers. Board positions are open for re-election each year. The board is responsible for planning guild events for the year, and upholds standards of performance and costuming requirements for our events.

MEDGE is a great organization for anyone who wants to get involved in Middle Eastern dance in Oregon. Your membership fees and donations at Guild shows help us sponsor local and out-of-town performers for workshops and performances. Guild members are involved in numerous cultural events, like performing at the Asian Celebration, marching in the Eugene Celebration Parade, participating in International Dance Day, and providing music and dance at libraries, nursing homes, and fund raising events. We provide a performance hall for our Student Show in June, and sponsor our popular Fall Festival (all-day workshops and performances!) in October. Donated funds help us publish our quarterly newsletter, the “Harrakat”, delivered to MEDGE members each season. In addition to great pictures and articles submitted by Guild members, the newsletter provides a calendar of events and a list of Guild teachers and their classes all over the state. We also maintain an extensive rental library of books and magazines, sewing patterns, videotapes, and DVDs. We have a lot of fun events, including a yearly costume swap meet, and a winter holiday party.

We conduct a monthly show for MEDGE performers on the third Friday of each month at The Strand/Cozmic Pizza, located at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> & Charnelton in downtown Eugene. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Get there early for a good seat! Shows are family friendly!

For additional information on joining the Guild, please view our website at [www.medge.org](http://www.medge.org) or email [Harrakat@gmail.com](mailto:Harrakat@gmail.com).

Membership is only \$15 a year. Make your check payable to MEDGE, and mail to MEDGE, PO Box 21, Eugene, OR 97440

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Please sign me up as a Middle Eastern Dance Guild of Eugene member!  
I have enclosed my \$15 check made out to MEDGE

My name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Newsletter delivery option: Send it via US Postal Service**

**Send it to me via e-mail**

**Are you interested in volunteering?**

**Yes-please!**

**Sorry, not at this time**