



Koreshakti Dancers. Photo by: [unreadable]

Where the Wild Things Are

Koreshakti is a tribal belly dance company and live musical group based in Spokane. They blend cutting-edge fusion dance and live music with the traditional and time-honored mystique of belly dancing and folkloric dances of the Middle East. They perform locally, most often at Caterina Winery.

Koreshakti is made up of talented dancers and choreographers who have varied and distinct backgrounds. They hail from different locales and have trained in multiple dance styles with different levels of experience. From cabaret to Egyptian pop, tribal fusion to ballet, and Irish step dancing to cheerleading, their experiences bring eclectic style to a fresh, funky dance style.

The shows vary in intensity and style. The group likes to showcase each individual's strength by allowing them to perform solo during one section of their show. The audience enjoys special dances choreographed by each individual dancer, rarely repeated in other shows. The lineup is interspersed with group, solo and small group performances. One night might feature mostly solo dancers, while another performance might showcase expertly choreographed group dances. The ladies work directly with the band Kama Shivaya, who pay special attention to rhythms that accentuate body movement. The performances are a high-energy treat in the Pacific Northwest.

Aside from performing, many of their dancers also teach belly dancing locally. The ladies want to share their vision for dance and folkloric art with the entire community, and hopefully to an even wider audience throughout the world. They continue to learn so that their art can grow and reach a larger audience. To catch a show, or learn how to do it yourself, visit their Website at www.koreshakti.com. ::

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