

# MEAI ANNUAL SHIMMYTHON! 2010

April 18 – 2 to 5pm (or when finished), 2010

In conjunction with Souk 2010

Bitter Lake Community Center / 13035 Linden Ave. N / Seattle WA 98133

[www.MiddleEastArts.org](http://www.MiddleEastArts.org)

**Contestants:** Thank you so much for your interest in participating in our annual Shimmython! It takes a staggering amount of time, energy, and money to produce the high-quality theatric events with internationally recognized instructors and performers that MEAI is committed to presenting. Your contribution today helps MEAI continue to bring these events to the Pacific Northwest.

**Donor Information:** Anybody may contribute a donation, including the contestants themselves. We do ask for a minimum donation of \$40 to compete, though all contributions are welcome! Please collect the checks and cash as you solicit donations. We will collect donations at registration, rather than having contestants collect pledges after the event. All checks payable to MEAI. If sending donations via PayPal, donors must enter name of contestant in message box in order for contestant to receive credit. All donations are tax deductible. For donations over \$250, we will mail receipt to donor. For other donations, please provide the donor with our thank you note (attached), which includes our mailing address for tax purposes.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for the longest shimmy, “**Shimmy Queen,**” and most donations contributed, “**Jewel Award.**” MEAI board members may compete but are not eligible for prizes. Prizes include a tiara for the “Shimmy Queen” and gift bags filled with an MEAI event gift certificate and various belly dance items.

### Shimmython! Contestant rules are as follows:

- Contestants must shimmy in place with both feet on the floor, flat or in relevé (on the toes)
- Minimal movement on the floor is allowed
- 3/4 shimmies are not allowed (4/4 time only)
- Shimmy must be in tempo with the music; full time, double time or quadruple time
- Shimmy may not pause, falter, or stop, even if briefly

\*Official, trained “Shimmy Police” will monitor the contestants! Contestants who break one or more of the above rules will be eliminated immediately. Medium tempo music will be played and may increase in tempo towards the end of the contest.

**Event Information:** Registration for contestants is at 2:00- 2:15pm. Please bring your completed registration form with your donor sheet(s) and all donations that you’ve collected. The Shimmython! will begin at 2:30pm sharp!

### Participant Registration:

Name:

Phone:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby and forever release Middle East Arts International, Hasani, Janice Wing, event venue, and all workers from any and all liability for loss or injury incurred in association with the event scheduled April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Sign:

Date:

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(Address provided for tax records; please cut and give to donors.)

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