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DANCE EDUCATION

MFA in Dance at Saint Mary's College of California 2017-2021
GPA: 4.0

DANCE EXPERIENCE

Belly Dance 2011-current

Teacher: Suhaila Salimpour

Mambo 2001-2015

Teachers: April Genovese, Eddie Torres, Gabriel Romero

Iranian Dance 1994-97

Teacher: Nahid Kabiri

Classical Iranian Dance 1982-84

Teacher: Farzaneh Kaboli

Other dance experiences: West African, Gyrotonic, Horton Technique, 2010-current
Modern dance, and Ballet

HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

San Francisco Arts Commission Arts Impact Endowment grant 2023

Dancers' Group CA\$H Grant 2022

Finalist for School of Liberal Arts Dean's Awards for graduate
and professional students at Saint Mary's College 2021

Saint Mary's College MFA in Dance Thesis Scholarship 2021

Saint Mary's College Student Grant Award 2021

Saint Mary's College Student Grant Award 2020

PUBLICATIONS & LECTURES

Publications:

- "[What's the Big Deal with Cultural Appropriation, and What's the Path Forward?](#)" 2019
- "[What It's Like to Be a Dancer in the Islamic Republic of Iran](#)" 2019
- "[Why Don't Belly Dancers Warm-up Before Performances](#)" 2007

Lecture on cultural appropriation for Oregon State University 2021

PERFORMANCES & EVENTS ORGANIZED

Dancing with Hafez 2023

Produced, co-directed, choreographed, and performed in 3-night sold-out
performance at Dance Mission Theatre in San Francisco

Middle East Children's Fundraiser 2014

Co-hosted fundraiser with Suhaila Salimpour at Cloud9 in Berkeley,
CA to raise funds for the Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA)

CERTIFICATIONS

Suhaila Salimpour Level 4 2017

Jamila Salimpour Level 4 2022

DANCE COMPANIES

Berkeley Salimpour Collective 2019-current

Director: Suhaila Salimpour

Genre: Belly dancing

Suhaila Salimpour Dance Company 2014-2019

<u>Director:</u> Suhaila Salimpour Genre: Belly dancing	
Suhaila Salimpour Repertory Ensemble	2013-2019
<u>Director:</u> Suhaila Salimpour Genre: Belly dancing	
Melaza Dance Company	2003-04
<u>Director:</u> April Genovese Genre: Salsa/Mambo	
Anahita Dance Company	1996-97
<u>Director:</u> Nahid Kabiri Genre: Classical Iranian and Iranian folk dances	

PERFORMANCES

Dancing with Hafez	2023
Produce, co-direct, choreograph, and perform	
Saint Mary's College Dance Concert: Morphe	2021
Presenting thesis concert "Four Gardens"	
Saint Mary's College Dance Concert: Sojourn	2019
Presenting personal choreography "I Feel Sorry for the Garden"	
Cairo Cabaret at El Valenciano	2019-2020
Weekly live music and dance performances in San Francisco	
Saint Mary's College Dance Concert: Fragments	2019
Presenting personal choreography "Garden of Mirrors"	
Saint Mary's College Dance Concert: Sojourn	2018
Presenting personal choreography "Garden of a Hundred Memories"	
Bal Anat 50th Anniversary Tour: Stockholm, Sweden	2018
Bal Anat World Tour with Suhaila Salimpour	
Bal Anat 50th Anniversary Tour: London, England	2018
Bal Anat 50th Anniversary Tour: Brussels, Belgium	2018
Bal Anat 50th Anniversary Tour: Miami, FL	2018
Bal Anat 50th Anniversary Tour: San Francisco, CA	2018
Bal Anat 50th Anniversary Tour: Atlanta, GA	2018
Bal Anat 50th Anniversary Tour: Chicago, IL	2018
California Dance Education Association Showcase	2018
Live Music Show: Stockholm, Sweden	2018
Enta Omri: Brussels, Belgium	2017
Enta Omri World Tour with Suhaila Dance Company	
Enta Omri: Atlanta, Georgia	2017
Enta Omri: Austin, TX	2017
Enta Omri: San Francisco, CA	2017
Bayat Show: Syrian Children's Fund Fundraiser	2017
Shake the Bay: Alzheimer's Fundraiser	2017
Shake the Bay: Alzheimer's Fundraiser	2016
Jamila Salimpour's 90th Birthday Celebration	2016
Bal Anat in Brussels, Belgium	2016
Bay Area Belly Dance and Music Association	2015
Ethnic Dance Festival Auditions	2015
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Rakkasah West 2014	2014
Zoe Jake's House of Tarot	2014
Bal Anat in Santa Cruz	2014

Rakkasah West 2015	2014
Reverence, The Study of Jamila Salimpour	2013
Los Angeles Salsa Congress	2003
Boston Salsa Congress	2003

PRESS For DANCING WITH HAFEZ

Dancing with Hafez program	
Dancing with Hafez teaser	
Dancing with Hafez preview	
Dancing with Hafez press release	
Dancing with Hafez review : Brittney Banaei	
Dancing with Hafez review : Jen Norris	
Dancing with Hafez review : Maxine Flasher-Düzgünes	

TEACHING

Saint Mary's College	2018
Salimpour School of Dance	2015-2018
Teacher's Assistant with Suhaila Salimpour: El Cerrito JL1 Workshop	2016
Teacher's Assistant with Suhaila Salimpour: Mexico SL1 workshop	2015
Mambo classes with April Genovese	2003-04
Iranian Dance classes with Nahid Kabiri	1996-97

WORKSHOPS & CONGRESSES ATTENDED

Salimpour Level 4 Weeklong with Suhaila	2020
Sabriye Tekbilek Workshop in Santa Cruz	2020
Suhaila Salimpour's Choreography Workshop (Level 4 Weeklong)	2017
Suhaila Salimpour's Live Music Workshop	2017
Suhaila Salimpour's Choreography Workshop (Level 4 Weeklong)	2016
Suhaila Salimpour's Live Music Workshop	2016
Journey through Egypt Levels 1 and 2 with Sahra Saeeda	2016
Arab Folk Dances with Karim Nagi	2016
Jamila Salimpour's Level 2 Weeklong Intensive	2016
Jamila Salimpour's Level 3 Weeklong Intensive	2016
Jamila Salimpour's Level 2 Weeklong Intensive	2016
Jamila Salimpour's Level 3 Weeklong Intensive	2016
Suhaila Salimpour's Level 3 Weeklong Intensive	2015
Suhaila Salimpour's Level 2 Weeklong Intensive	2015
Suhaila Salimpour's Level 3 Weeklong Intensive	2015
Jamila Salimpour's Level 1 Weeklong Intensive	2014
Suhaila Salimpour's Choreography and Improvisation Workshop	2014
Middle East Dance and Music Camp	2014
Jamila Salimpour's Level 2 Weeklong Intensive	2014
Suhaila Salimpour's Level 3 Weeklong Intensive	2014
Middle East Dance and Music Camp	2013
Suhaila Salimpour's Level 2 Weeklong Intensive	2013
San Francisco Salsa Congress	2004
Los Angeles Salsa Congress	2002 & 2003
Boston Salsa Congress	2002 & 2003
New York Salsa Congress	2002

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Persian (fluent), Spanish (intermediate level)