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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

Iranian Dance 1994-97

Teacher: Nahid Kabiri

Classical Iranian Dance 1982-84

Teacher: Farzaneh Kaboli

Other dance experiences: West African, Horton Technique, Afro-Cuban 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

Roohozi in Motion 2025

Choreographed and performed two pieces inspired by Iranian Roohozi music at the Dance
Mission Theatre Choreographer Showcase in San Francisco, California

Dancing with Hafez (abbreviated) 2024

Produced and performed 2 sold-out performances at the Sausalito Center for the Arts in
Sausalito, California during the closing ceremony of "Standing in the Dust" photography
exhibit of renowned Iranian photojournalist Yalda Moaiery

Dancing with Hafez 2023

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

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)

PRESS For DANCING WITH HAFEZ

Dancing with Hafez [teaser](#)
Dancing with Hafez [preview](#)
Dancing with Hafez [review](#): Brittney Banaci
Dancing with Hafez [review](#): Jen Norris
Dancing with Hafez [review](#): Maxine Flasher-Düzgünes

CERTIFICATIONS

Suhaila Salimpour Level 4	2017
Jamila Salimpour Level 4	2022

DANCE COMPANIES

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

PERFORMANCES

Dance Mission Choreographer's Showcase	2025
World Arts West	2024
Dancing with Hafez: Sausalito Center for the Arts	2024
Dancing with Hafez: Dance Mission Theatre	2023
Saint Mary's College Dance Concert: Morphe	2021
Saint Mary's College Dance Concert: Sojourn	2019
Saint Mary's College Dance Concert: Fragments	2019
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Bal Anat 50 th Anniversary Tour: Stockholm, Sweden	2018
Bal Anat 50 th Anniversary Tour: London, England	2018
Bal Anat 50 th Anniversary Tour: Brussels, Belgium	2018
Bal Anat 50 th Anniversary Tour: Miami, FL	2018
Bal Anat 50 th Anniversary Tour: San Francisco, CA	2018
Bal Anat 50 th Anniversary Tour: Atlanta, GA	2018
Bal Anat 50 th Anniversary Tour: Chicago, IL	2018
California Dance Education Association Showcase	2018
Live Music Show: Stockholm, Sweden	2018
Enta Omri: Brussels, Belgium	2017
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
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Jamila Salimpour's 90 th Birthday Celebration	2016
Bal Anat in Brussels, Belgium	2016
Rakkasah West 2014	2014
Bal Anat in Santa Cruz	2014
Reverence, The Study of Jamila Salimpour	2013