**FAQS when hiring a bellydance performer.**

**Why do different performer’s rates vary?**

We base our rates on the standards for our industry for a **professional** bellydance performer. If you find a dancer charging significantly less, then you can expect that individual to have lower than professional standards – they may disappoint you and your guests by not providing a professional, entertaining performance. Some of these dancers may be students, or very inexperienced. Don't be afraid to ask for **current** photos, some lower priced dancers are advertising themselves with photos taken years ago. If comparing prices, remember that performers at the middle to higher price range, in general, tend to be more professional and quality dancers, are in better physical shape, have more experience, and are more in demand.

**Remember the saying*... "You get what you pay for."***

**How far in advance should I make the booking?**  
Once you choose your performer, book your event as soon as possible. The best and most popular performers book up fast. Holidays and weekends usually fill up early. You don't want to lose out on your chosen dancer.

**What are the payment terms?**

We require a $50.00 deposit to confirm your date and time. This is usually done with a credit card over the phone. The balance is paid in cash at the event.

**Are belly dancing shows appropriate for everyone?**  
Absolutely! Our performances are suited for the entire family. Children especially love to get up and dance with the performer.   
**Is tipping allowed?**  
Although it is not necessary, it is highly appreciated. If the guests wish to show their appreciation, they may place tips in the dancers arm band, “shower” her with money while she dances, or they may hand her tips during or after her performance.

**Who is responsible for the music?**

No worries. We will take care of that. Your performer will prepare a special CD or IPod play list especially for your event. We ask that you provide the CD or IPOD player. If one is not available, let us know, and we can bring our own.