

# **Level 1 Feb-May 2018**

## **Songs Every Bellydancer Should Know**

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This course is designed to give students an introduction to several classic Egyptian, Turkish, and Lebanese songs that are commonly used by bellydancers.

#### **Class goals**

- \* Become familiar with several popular classical Egyptian, Turkish, and Lebanese songs
- \* Learn about the works of Mohammed Abdel Wahab, Um Kalthoum, Fairouz, and more
- \* Explore classical Arabic and Turkish dance stylization
- \* Learn cultural and political history to give context to the music.

#### **Enta Omri**

‘You Are My Life’, version by Mohammed Ali Ensemble

Originally by Mohammed Abdel Wahab, sung by Um Kathoum, 1964, lyrics by Ahmad Shafiq Kamel

Sections and suggested movements:

Intro-Poses interspersed with small movements (shoulder rolls, small hip circles etc.),

Start of melody-Horizontal ½ hip figure 8's and twists, 3 step turns; repeat 4x

Main Melody & Maksum- undulations, side hip circles, undulations, hip drops; repeat other side

Call & Response Qanun feature- Shimmies, poses

Practice videos:

<https://youtu.be/c6yCvyUbF5A>

<https://youtu.be/J8VhkmC7Yp4>

Youtube playlist:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMJDJa7r6n5tyQzZ0VQhma-syw0iu0hNK&disable\\_polymer=true](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMJDJa7r6n5tyQzZ0VQhma-syw0iu0hNK&disable_polymer=true)

Other links;

<http://www.barakabits.com/2016/09/inta-omri-story-behind-um-kulthooms-famous-song>

<http://www.shira.net/music/lyrics/inte-omri.htm>

#### **Bent El Shalabiya**

'The Pretty Girl', version by Charbel Rouhana

Originally sung by Fairouz

See videos for veil combination:

<https://youtu.be/cvViJMXuzyo>

<https://youtu.be/uJCA0mCBp6k>

Youtube playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMJDJa7r6n5t5ruH2mnndPGxH4el-s0UO>

## **Istemem Babacim**

Turkish song, found in Greek culture as well

'Papa, I Don't Want To'- This is a humorous song about an outspoken young woman rejecting potential suitors her father has chosen. It is in 2/4 time and the rhythms are often malfuf or ayub.

See videos for zill combination:

<https://youtu.be/R02S190mMTs>

<https://youtu.be/Y78pHQdVAhg>

Youtube playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMJDJa7r6n5ttORmzEZS34HogikFPjH1N>

## **Resources**

10 Songs Every Bellydancer Should Know CD- focuses on Arabic music

Turkey/Egypt by the Henkesh Brothers- Common Turkish songs done by an Egyptian band

<http://almashriq.hiof.no/egypt/700/780/umKoulthoum/Songs/>

Shira's lyric translations <http://www.shira.net/lyrics.htm>

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