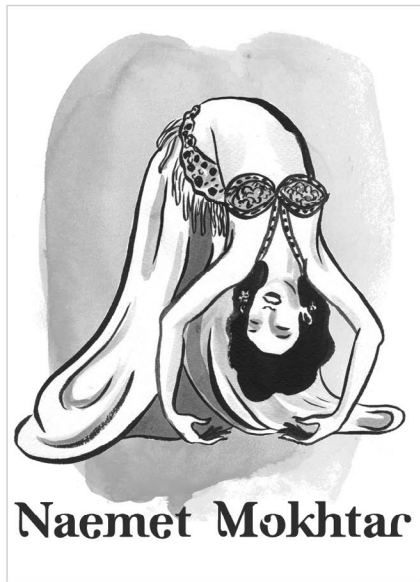
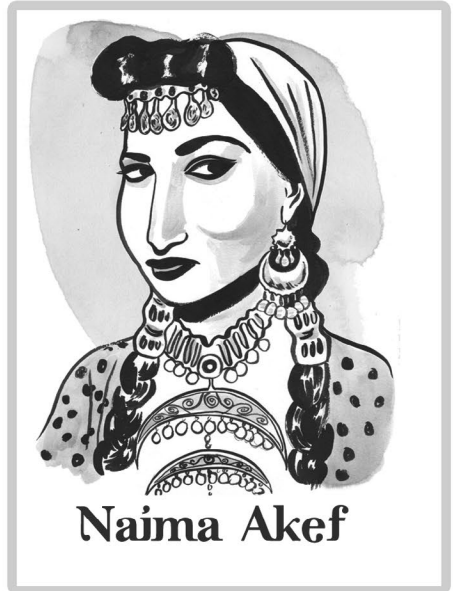


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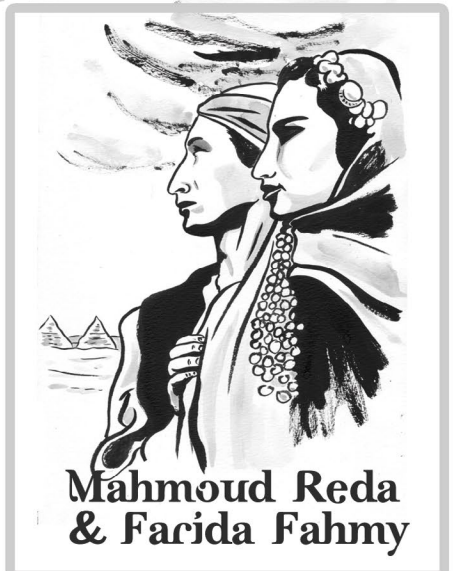
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Naima Akef

*Premier Star of the
Egyptian Musical Cinema*
10/7/29 - 4/12/66

1. Birth Name: Na'eema Akef.
2. Birthplace: Tanta, Egypt.
3. Was born to a circus family and began training at age 4.
4. Began her dance career at age 14.
5. 1949 - First film: Al Eich wal Malh (Bread and Salt).
6. Married film producer Hussein Fawzi.
7. Worked closely with Mahmoud Reda.
8. 1957 - Performed in an international youth festival and was nominated best dancer.
9. Photograph hangs on the wall of Bolshoi Museum in Moscow.
10. 1964 - Gave birth to a son.
11. At age 37, died of Cancer.

Naemet Mokhtar

The Symphony of Belly Dance
Circa Early - Late 1900s

1. Birth Name: Naemet Mokhtar.
2. Birthplace: Alexandria, Egypt.
3. Was born to an affluent musical family.
4. Was trained to sing by Oum Zaitoun and to dance by Nebaweya Salem.
5. 1951 - First film: Fataat Al Sirk (Daughter of the Circus).
6. Singer, Kareem Mahmoud, discovered her.
7. Quote: "I never felt guilty about working as a dancer. People think that success comes easy, but the fact is that I worked hard to be a successful dancer at a time when the field was full of dance stars."
8. Married three times.
9. Has one son.
10. Produced and starred in many films well into the 1970s.

Tahya Carioca

Queen of Oriental Cabaret Dance
2/22/1919 - 9/20/1999

1. Birth Name: Badawiya Mohamed Karim Ali Sayed.
2. Birthplace: Manzala, Egypt.
3. Was given her last name Karioka from the movie: Flying down to Rio.
4. 1935 - First film: Dr. Farahat.
5. 1942 - Most important film: Lu-bat Al-Sit (The Lady's Play).
6. 1952 - Stopped dancing after the revolution.
7. 1972 - One of last films: Kali Belak Min Zuzu (Take Care of Zuzu).
8. Was married 14 times.
9. No surviving offspring.
10. Appeared in over 300 films, plays and television soap operas.

Nagwa Fouad

The Princess of Cairo
1943 - Present

1. Birth Name: Awatef Mammed Al Agamy.
2. Birthplace: Alexandria, Egypt.
3. Was raised by her stepmother in Jaffa.
4. Began performing at Age 15.
5. 1960s - Debuted in popular stage show: Adwaa Al-Madina (City Lights).
6. 1966 - Appeared on the cover of Al-Kawakeb Egyptian movie magazine.
7. 1976 - Qamar Arba'tashar (Moon of the 14th) musical composed especially for her by Mohamed Abd El Wahab.
8. Married four times.
9. 1970s - Highest paid dancer in the Arab world.
10. 1974/75 - Performed for Henry Kissinger
11. 1978 - Performed for Pres. Jimmy Carter.

Fifi Abdo

The Filly
April 26, 1953 to Present

1. Birth Name: Atiyat Abdul Fattah Ibrahim.
2. Birthplace: Cairo, Egypt.
3. Father was a policeman.
4. Is one of 11 children including half-siblings.
5. Began her dance career at age 13.
6. Never attended school and is self taught.
7. 1993-1996 - Earned approximately 1.1 million euros.
8. Received over \$10,000 per performance.
9. Owns over 5,000 costumes, several Mercedes Benz, and 2 apartments on the Nile.
10. Married 5 times.
11. 1985 - Married for the last time.
12. Has 3 daughters; one is adopted.
13. 2004 - Retired from dancing.
14. Is considered to be the best of the "Big Three" which includes Dina and Lucy.

Sohair Zaki

The Om Kalsoum of Dance
1944 - Present

1. Birth Name: Suhair Zaki.
2. Birthplace: Mansoura, Egypt.
3. 1953 - Moved to Alexandria, Egypt.
4. Began performing at 11 years old.
5. 1959 - Appeared on television.
6. 1960s - Received awards from Shah of Iran, the Tunisian president, and Gamal Abd El Nasser, the second president of Egypt.
7. 1960s - Began appearing in film.
8. 1970s - First to perform to Om Kalsoum songs.
9. Often referred to as "Bint el Balad" or "Daughter of the Country".
10. Shik, Shak, Shok was written for her by Hasssan abou el Seaoud.
11. 2001 - Officially retired.
12. Married once and has one son.

Mahmoud Reda & Farida Fahmy

The Original Reda Dance Troupe
Founded 1959

1. Birth Name: The Reda Band.
2. Birthplace: Cairo, Egypt.
3. Initially made up of 15 dancers.
4. Presented over 300 shows.
5. Reda & Fahmy were its principal dancers.
6. Made four world tours to 58 countries.
7. Performed at Carnegie Hall, USA; Albert Hall, UK; Congress Hall, Germany; Stanislavsky & Gorky Theaters, USSR; Olympia, France; and the United Nations, New York and Geneva.
8. 1961 - Featured in Igazah Nisf as-sinah (Mid Term Vacation).
9. 1965 - Featured in Gharam fe Al-Karnak (Love in Karnak)
10. 1961 - Incorporated into the Government.

Samia Gamal

National Dancer of Egypt
3/5/1924 - 12/1/1994

1. Birth Name: Zainab Ibrahim Mahfuz.
2. Birthplace: Wana al Qiss, Egypt.
3. First film: Min Fat Adimo (He Who Has No Past Has No Future); was a box office flop.
4. 1942 - First real film: Mamu' al-Hob (Forbidden Love).
5. 1949 - Began starring with Fareed Al Atrach, her lover of 8 years.
6. 1950 - Appeared in LIFE Magazine.
7. 1954 - Appeared in French Movie Ali Baba et Les 40 Voleurs (Ali Baba & the 40 Thieves).
8. 1954 - Appeared in Valley of the Kings.
9. Was married twice - Oil Taycoon, Shepherd King and Egyptian actor, Rushdi Abaza.
10. Set the trend for fashion design in her dance career.

Badia Masabni

Mother of Modern Oriental Dance
1885 - 1970

1. Birth Name: Juliette Masabni.
2. Birthplace: Halab, Syria, now Lebanon.
3. Began her dance career at 17.
4. Married famous play actor and singer, Naguib El Righani.
5. 1926 - Opened Casino Badiya in Cairo.
6. Owned three casinos successively.
7. Adopted a young girl she named Juliette.
8. 1934 - Produced first films: Malikat at Masarih (The Queen of the Theaters) and Layali al Qahira (The Nights of Cairo).
9. One of the biggest patrons of Badiya's nightclubs was King Farouk.
10. Lived out the end of her days in Beirut.
11. Is credited for having discovered many of Egypt's Golden Age era belly dancers.