

Belly Dance New England Review Guidelines and Policy for Event Producers

We like featuring reviews of local belly dance events. We think it's valuable for both the event sponsors and for potential event attendees. The following are guidelines for having your event reviewed.

- * Please let us know, as far in advance as possible, that you would like to have your event reviewed. This gives us time to find a reviewer.
- * If you have someone in mind to review the event, please email or call and discuss it with us. We always welcome new contributors, but we also want to make sure, for reasons of neutrality, that the person is not associated with the event. We also want to make sure that the person understands our editorial guidelines.
- * You should make a press pass available for your event. We don't expect this for workshops, but if your event is a performance, hafla, or show, it is standard practice to provide a press pass for event reviewers.
- * The review will be edited for clarity and grammar by one of our editors. This is the only other person to see the review prior to publication.
- * We expect reviews to be fair and balanced. We ask reviewers to think about the things they would want to know about if they were going to an event in this same venue or sponsored by the same person. This may mean writing about an aspect of the event that did not go well – for example, the venue may have had a poor sound system, or the room was extremely cold. This does not necessarily mean they didn't like the event, but even if it does, you should not take it personally. Reviews mean nothing if we included nothing but praise.
- * The reviewer cannot possibly list all persons associated with the event, nor do we expect them to do so. The review is not meant to be an event program. For reasons of brevity, the reviewer may need to list only troupe names, for example, and not all the members of the troupe.
- * Please submit event photographs to us as soon as possible, or ask your event photographer to do so. It is up to you as the event organizer to ensure that permission has been granted by the creator and the subjects, and that appropriate photo credits are provided to BDNE. BDNE is not liable for any photo subject or copyright infringement that occurs when photos are provided by an outside source.