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firming with an international youth symphony at a music festival in Germany. She ended up studying for two years in The Netherlands at the Koninklijk Conservatorium on a Netherlands-American Foundation Fellowship, and worked one year with the Netherlands Philharmonic Orkest because of the clarinetist from Holland. Married two years ago, they moved to Arizona in September so Duitman could take the position with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra. If she'd stay there she wouldn't be playing through the summer and Duitman wanted to go on to bigger and better things. From July 3 to 6 she'll be joining the DSO for its 10th anniversary *Salute to America* at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn then it's on to open the Meadow Brook Music Festival, the summer home of the orchestra, July 12 to Aug. 11, for three separate series. Family Fun Fridays focus on light classical music with fireworks finale. Sensational Saturday Classics feature guest artists performing traditional masterworks, and Sunday Summer Pops the music of Broadway and Hollywood.

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But the highlight of Duitman's summer is sure to be returning to Interlochen Arts Camp for the DSO's residency. It was there in 1991-92 that she played under the direction of Jarvi in a side by side concert with members of the DSO. Now she'll be one of the professional musicians. "That was fantastic. There were around 3,000 students not all into music but all in the arts. I made a lot of friends."

"I'm looking forward to going back to Interlochen this time as a member of the DSO. There was a residency I remember. For students that was the highlight, the DSO coming for sectionals, coaching, and side by side concerts."

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brates femininity and motherhood with current chic style. It was her idea to bring in The Cifuentes for a rare U.S. performance. Here they will perform their show *Oriental Fantasy: An Egyptian Love Affair* that combines Egyptian folklore and detailed costumes designed in Cairo and Alexandria. The influential Sandra Woodall, designer for the San Francisco opera, has also shared her style in the couple's costumes.

The first half of the show features local dancers, the second half is for Beata and Horacio who both have extensive ballet knowledge. Beata studied ballet in Germany. Horacio studied Flamenco in Spain and ballet in New York and also danced with the San Francisco ballet. Both discovered their love for Middle Eastern dance years ago and have been shimmying their way across the globe ever since.

Annually Boukrra hosts polished local dancers in elaborate costumes who dance to different styles of Arabic music. This year's event might be her largest yet. Music ranges from pop sensation Shakira to Egypt's famous composers Mokhtar El Said and Ali Said.

"The show is a combination of international stars, plus local dancers who work very hard to

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What: *Oriental Fantasy: Egyptian Love Affair*. A dance performance featuring local dancers.

Special guests: Beata and Horacio Cifuentes of Berlin, known as the King and Queen of Oriental Dance (also known as belly dance).

Highlights: Beata and Horacio, elaborate costumes, family-appropriate performance and local dancers from The Navel Academy based in Westland and Clawson.

Date: Saturday, June 29. Doors open at 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30.

Location: Clawson High School, 101 John M. Clawson, just north of 14 Mile, West of Main.

Price: \$17 for standard seats, \$22 for "main floor" and box seats.

Other: The show's sponsor, Cedena Boukrra, hosts dance workshops for those interested in belly dance for fun or fitness. Email: cedena@voyager.net or call (734) 422-1246.

present this beautiful dance with integrity and style," Boukrra said. "It's also fun to watch." Boukrra is the founder of The

Navel Academy Dance Studio that has a location inside Julianna's Dance Academy in Clawson.

"I'd like to encourage people to come out and see the performance. Not all belly dancing is like the stereo-typed images you see in the media," student dancer Robin Nelson of Beverly Hills said.

Nelson has hip hop, swing, ballroom and country line dance experience and said belly dance introduced her to new styles, traditions and cultures.

"Our first number is a mysterious, sensual piece meant to intrigue the audience," Nelson said. "Our second number is more physical, a tribal celebration of sorts."

Breaking myths

It's not a seedy dance as portrayed in the movies, but it is sultry. Middle Eastern families already know this - Arabic dancing, known as Oriental Dance and Belly Dance is popular at weddings, parties, nightclubs and restaurants worldwide.

The Cifuentes' travel mostly throughout Europe to perform their shows and draw their influences from frequent visits to Egypt and the Middle East. They create a new production each year.

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