

Discover the Arab World through Music & Dance

A Multimedia Lecture Demonstration

Performance:

1 or 2 Traditional Arab Dances (Egyptian, Khaliji, Tunisian)

Introduction:

- My Background

PowerPoint Presentation:

Background: Who are the Arabs?

- Arab World vs. Middle East
- Arabic language
- Multiple Religions
- Culture and Customs (family ties, modesty, hospitality)

Music: What makes Arabic music different from Western music?

- Instruments & Voice
- Quarter tones
- Improvisation
- Rhythms - Drums, the heartbeat of the music
 - Different sounds make the rhythms: use of Dum & Tec
 - Same time signature, but different rhythms
 - 4/4: Balabi, Sa'idi, Maksoum, Wahada
 - 2/4: Malfouf, Ayub,
 - Audience Participation: Clap to different rhythms.

Audience Participation:

- Teach simple isolations: shoulders & hips
- Teach stick dance -men
- Teach Khaliji - women
- Teach Debke - all

Q&A / Closure:

Resource lists - books, movies, and websites - for the attendees are available upon request.