

Raqqin' the Kasbah

K - 5, Middle, High School Program Outline

Specific content is tailored to the grade level.

1-Hour Presentation

- Opening Procession with traditional music & dance
- "Talk Like an Egyptian"
Introduction to languages, geography, cultures of the Middle East
- Whirling dervish-inspired dance performance
- "Makin' Music Eastern Style"
Explanation of eastern music fundamentals and east vs. west in music
- Musical styles dance performance
- "The Beat Goes On --Eastern Rhythms"
Lesson in beat, rhythm, tempo
- Drum solo performance with kids participation
- "Raqqin' Belly Dance"
Explanation of raqs sharqi or belly dance
- Classical belly dance dance performance
- "Stompn' Debke Workshop
Lesson in debke (Middle Eastern line dance)
- All participate in debke (some kids on "stage")
- Q&A
- Final music performance as kids go back to class (optional)