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Bhrigha leads her class at the Blue Lotus Center in Orlando, Fla., on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, through belly-dancing maneuvers that leave the participants exhausted.

Belly dancing: fun and healthy workout

By Kate Santich
 KRT CAMPUS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Directions to the "Bellydance Your Bliss" class are a tad unusual: Cut through the sports bar, pass the big screen TVs and take a right toward the pool tables. Then it's through the double doors and up the stairs, into the Victorian decor of a once-abandoned Church Street Station office.

Do not stop for liquid refreshments. Belly dancing may be blissful, but it's not easy.

"You leave here exhausted, but you've got a big smile on your face," says Anita Landon, a 44-year-old Deltona, Fla., massage therapist who happily makes the weekly commute to study what may be the world's oldest form of dance. "In a society where women are always trying to hold everything in, you have to learn to let it go."

On a recent Wednesday night, techno-infused Arabic music thumping, Landon and a half-dozen other women at the fledgling Blue Lotus Center undulate to the rhythm, jiggling — and often giggling — as they do.

"Up and down and out and back ... Good," the teacher says,

her voice soothing and girlish, not at all like your average aerobics instructor. "Step, step, step and shoo-fly and shoo-fly and I'm just making up the names of these moves ... Now, twist and washing machine ..."

A striking, curvaceous woman with flowing mahogany-colored hair, she goes by the Gaelic name "Bhrigha" and has a shimmy that puts amateurs to shame. She also has a bachelor's degree in theater arts from Rollins College, a license in massage therapy from the state and a husband named Greywolf who teaches the drumming class that follows her own.

"It's just something I've wanted to do since I was a little girl watching 'I Dream of Jeannie,' she says during a break, as participating students gather around a water cooler. "You never saw her dance, but she had a cool costume, and you kind of imagined she danced in the bottle."

Thus the very fair-skinned American kid with the name Rebecca Murphy — a girl who was told she would never make it as a ballerina with her voluptuous figure — found her way to belly dance, a jeweled navel and an invigorating freedom from cultural norms.

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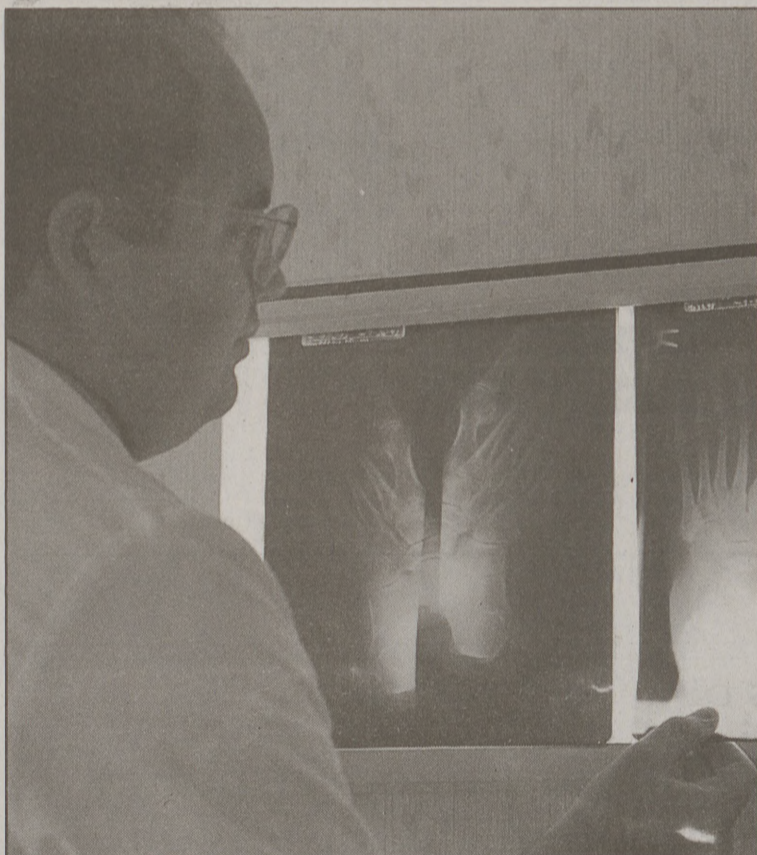
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