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Alice in Wonderland Belly Dance/Fusion Dance is playing at the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre on August 1

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A magical journey filled with spinning mushrooms, dancing caterpillars and a charismatically acrobatic rabbit will come to life at the Bellydance Evolution world premiere production based on Louis Carroll's iconic colorful fantasy classic Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Performing to sell out crowds in over 20 different countries, Bellydance Evolution seeks to celebrate, explore, and unite Middle Eastern and Western dance for the 21st Century. The company takes belly dancing to a new level presenting theatrical productions with a storyline, much like classical and contemporary ballet. The company was featured at the 2012 Mawazine festival in Morocco where it performed for the Queen of Morocco.

Founded in 2009 by world renowned choreographer Jillina Carlano, the company features a cast of 20 international artists whose diverse backgrounds range from Middle Eastern dance and music to break dance, theatrical hip hop, contemporary tribal and fusion. With each artist bringing their own unique vision and style to the production, the show is an extraordinary opportunity to see the melding of this mixed bag of styles through the language of fusion-dance. Taking audiences on a journey into Carroll's mysterious land of wonder with its "mad" characters, this family friendly program will delight adults and children of all ages.

Alice in Wonderland plays at John Anson Ford Amphitheatre, located at 2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, on Friday, August 1.