

# ZARAFa

*Powerful, intoxicating  
Dance Music  
from Melbourne's masters  
of Gypsy and Eastern  
Fusion*



Zarafa is Melbourne's premier Balkans and Near Eastern ensemble: a versatile group of musicians and dancers who present a spectacular and eclectic show featuring both traditional and original repertoire. The ensemble draws on the complex rhythms and modes of Turkish, Macedonian, Croatian, Persian and Moroccan folk traditions, performing fiery acoustic dance tunes on authentic instruments. These pieces are interspersed with samples and improvised taksims to create evocative trance soundscapes, a backdrop for dramatic contemporary bellydance.

Zarafa is led by Pin Rada (baglama, ney, lyra) and Mark Planigale (oud, accordion, sax, guitar, vocals), who draw on their Eastern European heritage as well as many years of study in composing and arranging repertoire for the ensemble. They are joined by anywhere between one and eight other performers to create an explosive blend of music and dance guaranteed to captivate any audience.

Zarafa offers:

- a high quality professional show developed over five years
- entrancing, visually stunning bellydance
- authentic presentation of traditional musical repertoire
- cutting edge arrangements combining electronic and acoustic elements
- a versatile lineup tailored for the requirements of each event
- workshops and classes on Bellydance, Middle Eastern Percussion, Gypsy Style Accordion, Improvising with Eastern Modes, and more...

For further information, including performer biographies and forthcoming performance dates, please refer to Zarafa's website: [www.zarafa.info](http://www.zarafa.info).