

## Ayadina Association

### December 2019 Newsletter

We're back from the holidays and we're very excited to have our regular class schedule again!

We had a great time celebrating the happy occasions in December.

Here's a recap of the best moments and some upcoming events to look out for:

### Celebrating "Berbara" with the Seniors

On Monday December 2 2019, we celebrated Berbara with our seniors' club. We danced, played music, and had sugary treats; what we know in Lebanon as Amhiyeh!

Check out the rest of the photos on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/AyadinaAssociation/photos/pcb.2608063095895389/2608059302562435/?type=3&theater>

Seniors Schedule: Every Monday, starting 8:30am



## Relaunching our guitar lessons

We were very happy to relaunch our guitar lessons as of December 7 2019 with a new teacher; Rabee Said Ahmad.

Guitar Schedule: Every Saturday from 1:30pm till 4:30pm for three different age groups.

Rabee is a graduate of the Higher Institute of Music in Damascus, where he specialized in guitar and piano playing.

Here is a link of Rabee playing a musical piece composed by him:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGfWY\\_5QWeM&fbclid=IwAR1QPjK7IINHm4hUI4Xk24SAZTtj1Lumbs4IQHcfMfg2yZMmZ74\\_nhwiv0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGfWY_5QWeM&fbclid=IwAR1QPjK7IINHm4hUI4Xk24SAZTtj1Lumbs4IQHcfMfg2yZMmZ74_nhwiv0)

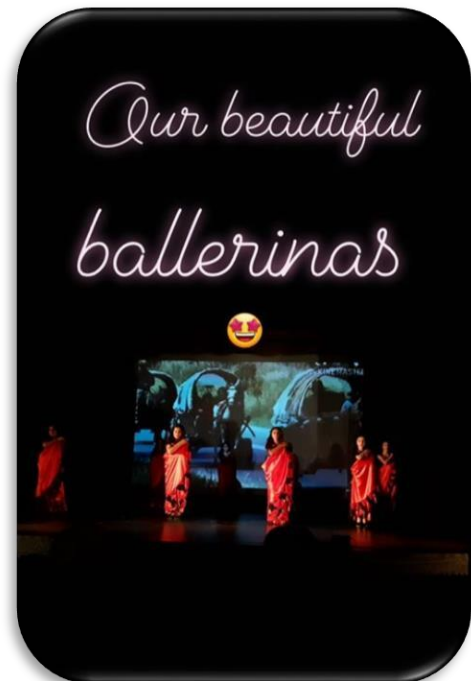
For further information about our guitar lessons, please call us on +961 81 859415.



## Our Ballerinas Performance at Russian Cultural Center: “Russia in my Heart”

On the December 7 2019, our ballerinas participated in the festival “Russia in my Heart”, at the Russian Cultural Center in Beirut. The dance was choreographed by our talented Ballet teacher, Ms. Tatiana Blati.

Check out this link for photos of the event:



<https://www.facebook.com/AyadinaAssociation/photos/pcb.2624484404253258/2624476900920675/?type=3&theater>

Ballet Schedule: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, for different age groups.

For further information about our ballet lessons, please call us on +961 81 859415.

## Let's Plant Together!

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, we organized an activity with our students, under the title "Let's Plant Together". 25 of our students between the ages of 6 and 10 years learned about growing grains and how to prepare a plate for sprouting beans. They also planted a number of sprouts in our pots and helped make our balcony greener and brighter! We'll share pictures of the pots in the spring! Each student went home with his/her own plate of beans and some drawings that the students did prior to the activity.



We decided to organize this activity because we believe in the importance of teaching children to love nature and to take care of it. We hope to be able to spread such messages among our students more often in the future.

Here is a link with more photos of the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/AyadinaAssociation/posts/2632591453442553>

## Introducing our New Team Members

We were happy to welcome to new staff members to our team recently:



Ms. Sara Berjawi joined us as our new director



Ms. Vanessa Salameh joined as our new Admin/AEP Assistant.

## Watch this space!

In January 2020, we will be relaunching our theater classes with a new teacher; Staphanie Sotiry.

Stephanie has been teaching theater for more than ten years now. She is going through Training of Theater practitioners in psychological mediation techniques workshop with Zoukak Theater Company. She will be bringing along a component of drama therapy to our classes.

Stephanie is also a clown, a jazz singer, and she owns her own brand of leather bags called Madame Cefanie.

Classes will start on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, and they will be running on Mondays from 3:30pm till 6:30pm for different age groups.

