

	<b>Swords</b>	<b>Baskets</b>	<b>Candle Tray</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep your sword well protected by cleaning all fingerprints off the blade as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Use a silicone cloth to clean blade</li> <li>• When out in public, keep your sword wrapped or in a sword bag, remember, it's a weapon to the naked eye.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store in a cool, dry place if possible with no sharp objects around or in it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store your tray in an area when it will not be bumped or dented</li> <li>• Depending on the finish, you can polish your tray with Brasso if you want it to shine or you can leave it looking aged</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a metal file or a coarse steel wool to mark the balance point or sweet spot on the underside of the blade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mold the bottom of the basket to suit your liking; you can apply a little silicone glue to make the bottom "sticky" if needed. Make sure the glue is completely dry before your performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can make gentle dent on the bottom side of your tray by putting light pressure on it with a tennis ball</li> </ul>
<b>Before Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure the venue will allow swords prior to the event date.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you plan to dance with items in your baskets (e.g.fruit, fabric) make sure your basket is deep enough to keep it inside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure the venue will allow fire dances prior to the event date.</li> </ul>
<b>Day of Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of your surroundings and how close you are to your audience &amp; your music source</li> <li>• Keep your prop hidden from the audience, if possible for as long as possible before your performance</li> <li>• If you plan to perform outdoors, keep in mind that humidity can diminish the finish on the sword, so keep protected until ready for use.</li> <li>• Have Fun!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of your surroundings and how close you are to your audience &amp; your music source</li> <li>• Keep your prop hidden from the audience, if possible for as long as possible before your performance</li> <li>• If you plan to perform outdoors, keep in mind that humidity can make your basket feeling damp, so keep protected until ready for use.</li> <li>• Have Fun!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of your surroundings and how close you are to your audience &amp; your music source</li> <li>• If possible, try not dance near ceiling fans</li> <li>• If you plan to perform outdoors, keep in mind that dry weather can cause sparks if you in a park near trees and grass.</li> <li>• Have Fun!</li> </ul>

**Practice, Practice, Practice: the more confident and comfortable with your prop, the more the audience will respond.**

## Music Suggestion

### Slow Songs

- ◆ **Haunt**  
*Americanistan, album Tribalation*
- ◆ **Circle**  
*Solace, album Ahsas*
- ◆ **Freeform Chiftatelli**  
*David Macejk, album, Poi for Gadjge*
- ◆ **Jemileh**  
*Pat Olson, album Pagina Vol. 2*
- ◆ **Kali Ma**  
*Desert Wind, album Kali Ma: Dances of Transformation*
- ◆ **Khadija**  
*Mizna, album Mizna*
- ◆ **Mevlana**  
*Djinn, album, The Middle East Side*
- ◆ **Aazab**  
*Hossam Ramzy, album Secret of the Eye*
- ◆ **Maleh U Filfil**  
*Helm, album Iteen , Tribal Dance/Tribal Drums*

### Moderate Tempo Songs

- ◆ **Harvest Moom**  
*Solace, album The Gathering Season*
- ◆ **Baladi/Upbeat Chiftatelli**  
*David Macejk, album, Poi for Gadjge*
- ◆ **Shashkin**  
*Omar Faruk Teklibek, album Mystical Garden*
- ◆ **Toura Toura: The nav Deep Remix**  
*Cheb i Sabbah, La Ghriba, La Kahena remixed*
- ◆ **Basket Dance**  
*Gypsy Caravan, album Awakening*
- ◆ **Raqset Al-Hajjalah**  
*Hossam Ramzy, album Beduin Tribal Dance*
- ◆ **Giza**  
*Gypsy Caravan, album Migration*
- ◆ **Oyounik Yat Sattar**  
*Hossam Ramzy, album Beduin Tribal Dance*