



## THE DIVINE DARLINGS

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### **HOUSTON DIVINE STUDIO BRINGS NEW BURLESQUE TROUPE AND SHOW TO HOUSTON**

**Houston, TX, June 29, 2022**—Houston Divine Studio of Arts is proud to present Houston’s newest burlesque troupe, The Divine Darlings. The troupe’s premiere show—The Divine Darlings Burly Soirée—takes place at 8th Wonder Distillery, on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at 2 PM.

Taylor Ann—who performs under the moniker Lady Annabelle—founded Houston Divine Studio of Arts in 2018 to offer a safe space for adults to explore the freedoms of expression that dance offers. Under Lady Annabelle’s guidance, the studio invites all to “come as you are” into its “judgement-free zone”—two ideas Lady Annabelle is so passionate about, she’s made them the core of the studio’s mission.

Lady Annabelle, who formerly performed with renowned troupe The Moonlight Dolls, began dancing at four, continuing her classical training throughout adolescence. Upon high school graduation, she immediately began dancing professionally. “Dance and movement is a life-changing way to heal both physically and spiritually,” she said. “I wanted to provide others with a way to experience that healing, embrace their sensuality, find and appreciate their inner and outer beauty, fall in love with themselves, and connect with their divine selves. I created Houston Divine Studio for exactly these reasons: empowering people and helping them feel self-love.”

## **Houston Divine Studio brings new burlesque troupe and show to Houston**

After completing its second successful 9-week burlesque course, which culminated in three showcases for the course participants, the studio created The Divine Darlings Burlesque Troupe to continue fostering the community and talent of the course participants.

“I’ve been a burlesque performer for eight years,” Lady Annabelle said. “There’s such a camaraderie and sense of familial unity in this community, and I wanted to offer that to a new generation of performers. I’m so proud of the hard work the participants put into every moment of the course. Their excitement, energy and sheer talent inspired this new troupe.”

The Divine Darling’s new monthly show debuts July 17 at 8th Wonder Distillery and will feature two of the troupe’s 13 founding members, along with Houston performers Reina La Rouge and Mak Fontina, and New Orleans-based Phathoms Deep as headliner. Lady Annabelle will host.

### **The Divine Darlings Burly Soirée Details**

**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022

**Time:** Doors open at 1:30 PM | Show begins at 2 PM

**Location:** 8th Wonder Distillery | 2201 Dallas St. | Houston, TX 77003

**Cost:** \$15 at the door or via [Eventbrite \(https://bit.ly/39XQKdY\)](https://bit.ly/39XQKdY)

**Performer Photos:** <https://bit.ly/3NyumVX>

**Troupe Photos:** <https://bit.ly/3QZDeqW>

### **About Houston Divine Studio of Arts**

Houston Divine Studio of Arts features classes in the styles of lyrical, burlesque, floor work and “hair and chair” dance. Established in 2018, Houston Divine Studio welcomes all adults who wish to explore the physical and spiritual benefits of dance to come as they are, into a judgement-free zone. It is led by Lady Annabelle whose mission is to offer healing to all who walk through the door.

### **About The Divine Darlings Burlesque Troupe**

The Divine Darlings Burlesque Troupe provides dynamic, high-quality entertainment through burlesque, the art of striptease. Comprised of 13 founding members and led by Lady Annabelle, The Divine Darlings showcases a variety of burlesque styles by allowing its diverse company to create innovative performances based in their heritage, beliefs, comfort and personality.