

## Recommended Recordings for Bellydance Drummers

Most of these are available from Hollywood Music Center, [www.pekorecords.com](http://www.pekorecords.com)

**Eddie 'The Shiek' Kochak** - anything, esp the 6 volumes in the Strictly Bellydancing series - available on CD from Hollywood Music Center. Everyone loves Eddie the Shiek - beautiful melodies, good varied selection of rhythms, excellent clear drumming.

**George Abdo** - (on Monitor records) - anything, especially  
- Joy of Belly Dancing - MCD 61764  
- Belly Dancing with George Abdo - MCD 71777  
Classic arrangements from the heyday of bellydance night clubs in the 60's and 70's. (I taught myself to drum with these recordings.)

**Abbud Abdel Aal** - Belly Dance for Arabian Nights - SLD Lebanon - classic Egyptian large orchestra bellydance

**Adel Shams El-Din** - Quarante Rythmes Du Moyen-Orient (40 Rhythms of the Middle East) - Buda 1986092 (available from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)). Amazing percussion-only album - doumbek, riq, tar, zils.

**Music of the Ghawazee**, recorded by Aisha Ali - Araf Records DA 703 - field recording of traditional music from Egypt

**Hossam Ramzy presents Gypsies of the Nile** - Arc Music EUCD 1628. Excellent recording of working Egyptian Gypsy wedding band - excellent ensemble drumming.

**Gypsy Fire** - Traditional Crossroads 4272. Small combo with oud, sax, zurna, tar, doumbek. Musicians include Omar Faruk Tekbilek, Richard Hagopian and Yuri Yunakov.

**Naif Agby & His Orchestra** - from Hollywood Music Center - debke rhythms, mainly ayub-related, very high-energy drumming.  
- Dabke, National Dance of Lebanon - HMC 1305  
- Bedouin Sadha - HMC 1295

**Mohammed El-Bakkar** - (available free online at [www.el-bakkar.com](http://www.el-bakkar.com) - also remastered on CD from Hollywood Music Center) Classics from the late 1950's, good high-energy drumming, mainly ayub-related rhythms.  
- Port Said HMC 1277  
- Music of the African Arab HMC 1289

**Douglas Adams with Light Rain** - California fusion music with violin from the early 1980's, very pretty solo doumbek.  
- Dream Dancer - Magi 001

**Gypsy Caravan** from Berbati's and Key Largo - Hollywood Music Center HMC 1343. A good example of live music for American Tribal style bellydance.

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