

# Mary Ellen and the Quartz Crystals

## Description of Performance:


In concert, Mary Ellen and the Quartz Crystals present a unique blend of Middle Eastern percussion, jazz vocals and instrumentals, and belly dance.


- Jazz standards such as “I Only Have Eyes for You,” “The Nearness of You,” “Blue Skies,” and “Caravan”
- Bedazzling finger cymbals and Arabic tambourine solos
- Beautiful, scintillating, and sensuous belly dancer


Performance is suitable for a wide variety of venues.


Lift your spirits. Call Mary Ellen at (510)654-DRUM(3786) to book this one-of-a-kind act.

## Members:

 **Mary Ellen Donald:** *For over 30 years, Mary Ellen Donald has been a nationally acclaimed author, performer, instructor, recording artist, and concert producer in Middle Eastern percussion: doumbec drum, Arabic tambourine, finger cymbals, and frame drum. Over the past 12 years, Mary Ellen has emerged as a jazz singer, drawing rave reviews for her rich voice, boundless creativity, and joyful presence. Clearly, her blindness has not held her back. Visit [www.maryellendonald.com](http://www.maryellendonald.com).*

 **Marco Casasola:** *Marco plays piano tastefully in jazz, R&B, gospel, and tango styles. He has appeared at Yoshi's, Oakland; Pearl's, San Francisco; and Anna's Jazz Island, Berkeley.*

 **Ryan Lukas:** *Accomplished on both double bass and electric bass, Ryan is at home in Afro-beat, hip-hop, funk, rock, jazz, and fusion styles.*

 **Nanna Candelaria:** *A beautiful and charismatic belly dancer extraordinaire, Nanna has been delighting audiences around the country for years and performs regularly in Bay Area belly dance festivals. Visit [www.bellydancebynanna.net](http://www.bellydancebynanna.net).*