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SANTA FE REPORT: THE PULSE OF NATURE

DM The quiet, stark beauty of northern New Mexico sustains a vibrant dance community, one that draws inspiration from its tricultural traditions—Native American, Hispanic, and Anglo.

Combining ethnic influences with modern dance, Rulan Tangen and Zuleikha shine among solo artists who tour the world, but choose Santa Fe as their sanctuary. Zuleikha weaves elegant humor, sumptuous music, costumes, and dance into stories from nature, world lore, and life itself... These artists speak of the return to the beauty of Santa Fe as necessary for creative inspiration—what Zuleikha calls “the spaciousness of nature.”

—JANET EIGNER

Photo: Chara Nelson; courtesy Zuleika



Multi-cultural influences: Solo artist Zuleikha (left) in an appearance at Edinburgh Fringe Festival