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## Samira's Reinvention

**Who She Is:** [Samira](#) worked as a telephone operator. One night, as she danced at a party in 1984, a man said to her, "You dance like Tina Turner." "I didn't know the name but a few days later the video to 'What's Love' came out and I became an instant fan," said Samira.

**Her Inspiration:** In 2000, she began to perform as Turner. "I have had a lot of challenges to overcome similar to Ms. Turner, as well as dealing with a cleft palate and struggling to lose 40 pounds on and off for 11 years. We live in a society so wrapped up in what you look like and how old you are. I'll be 47 Nov. 24 (2 days before Ms. Turner) and age is just a number. I'm just gettin started."

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## Respect Your Character

**Her Advice:** "You have to be the same or better than the celebrity you choose to pay tribute to, period. Respect your character by not performing in a distasteful manner. Tina Turner didn't sit on men's laps. I wouldn't either."

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As the other unnamed person in this photograph, I find it shocking that it keeps resurfacing.....after 2 years.

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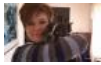
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