



Hum Sub Cary Diwali 2017

Cultural Program Guidelines

Aim

- Display India's diverse and splendid heritage to the community.
- Promote family oriented events which are geared towards diversity to build a stronger foundation for our youth.

If you are looking for a platform to showcase your talents, sign up for Cary Diwali 2017!!

Theme

Anubhuti-A sensory experience

A visit to India is often described as an intense sensory experience. Through Anubhuti, we strive to give you a sense of this experience by showcasing our culture as manifested in our cuisine, dance, and music as well as the wisdom of our yogic sciences and our culinary heritage. We invite you to open up your senses as you tour our exhibition booth, where you will see, smell, and learn about the health benefits of our commonly used spices. Enjoy the exuberance of our dance forms and delight in the sounds of our musical instruments. Come, indulge your senses!!

Please read the requirements and guidelines carefully before submitting your application. We look forward to your participation to a wonderful program.

There will be a \$50.00 (per item) registration fee for all the accepted applications performing at Cary Diwali 2017.

Entry requirements:

- Maximum of 3 items, *but no more than one item from each age group*, will be accepted from the same choreographer/coordinator/dance school. We would like to give opportunity to maximum number of choreographers. Your cooperation will be much appreciated.
- Items performed between October 1st, 2016 and October 13th, 2017 can't be re-staged for Cary Diwali 2017. The selection of any repeat items will be at the sole discretion of the Cultural Committee. Any such selection will be based on the perceived quality of the performance and its conformity with the Cary Diwali theme.

Musical Dance Drama:

- Entry forms have to be submitted with a description of the item and story line.
- Number of entries and acceptance of the entries will be at the sole discretion of the cultural committee and will be based on the time availability, perceived quality of the item and the conformity with the theme.

Music requirements:

- **Song selection:** The track for an item may consist of a medley of up to a maximum of three songs. No song (including songs in medley) can be repeated during the Cary Diwali 2017 except if someone wants to do the entire item on one song (not medley), and the song is already part of a medley by another group, the group doing the full song can repeat the song. Remix of the same song is also considered a repetition. The group who sends its selection first will be assigned the song and subsequent groups will be notified by the Cultural Committee asking them to select a different song.
- Please select songs that are appropriate for performers' age group and Cary Diwali's family oriented audience.
- Music will be accepted online in MP3 format and it should be submitted along with the
- Cultural Entry Detail Form due by August 6, 2017

Age requirements:

- The minimum age for the participant is 7 years. The performer should have turned 7 on or by August 26th, 2017
- Suggested age groups:
Young kids: 7-9
Pre-teens: 10-12
Teens: 13-16
Young adult/Adult: 17 and above
- Mixing of age groups will be acceptable if the item requires it and the group looks cohesive in terms of quality and appearance.

Item Type	Age group	Minimum no. of participants	Maximum duration
Classical group dance	Pre-teens and Teens	6	5 minutes
Classical/Semi-classical (Limited entries)	Ages 13+	4	5 minutes
Folk/Film/Semi-classical/Fusion Dances	All age groups	7	5 minutes
Instrumental	All age groups	3	5 minutes
Vocal with live instruments	At least 1 participant must be 16 and older	2	3-5 minutes

Musical Dance Drama (Limited entries)	All age groups including mixed age group	10	10 minutes
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Note: Performance time includes announcements, entrance and exit.

Costumes:

- Traditional Indian costumes are expected for performers and please try to avoid black tights with tank tops.
- Costume should be appropriate to the dance style.
- Cultural Committee makes the final determination of the appropriateness of costumes.
- In case of any costume changes after the audition, please get the Cultural Committee's approval.

Participant Names:

- Same names are spelled differently by different people. Please confirm with your participants how they spell their names.
- It is your responsibility to let us know by **audition** if any of your participants are performing in more than one item in Cary Diwali. We can't guarantee spacing of items to accommodate time needed for costume change after the audition.

Audition:

- Items will be selected based on the originality, creativity of the choreography, coordination, energy, performance quality and overall presentation.
- Audition will be held on **Saturday, August 26, 2017** at Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Avenue, Cary 27511.
- Items are selected based on your performance during auditions.
- A sample costume or a picture of the costume should be presented to the cultural committee on the day of the auditions.
- All groups/items **must** attend the audition in order to be selected and the choreographer/coordinator who can give all the required information regarding the performance should be present in person for the audition, stage rehearsal and the main event.

Event:

- **It is mandatory for all groups to attend stage rehearsal and your absence will disqualify your entry and forfeit the registration fee.**
- Each group must check-in with the stage manager 45 minutes before the performance time in the area assigned by Cultural committee.
- It is the choreographer's responsibility to be present with the group backstage, ready to perform 30 minutes before scheduled performance time.
- Hum Sub will not entertain request for performance sequence change and will not wait if one of the performers has not arrived.

Cultural Committee

The Committee is responsible for selecting items that meet the objectives listed above while conforming to the theme, and also for ensuring quality and compliance with guidelines. The Committee is available to advise and assist as needed. For assistance, please contact Committee members at cultural_programs@humsub.net

Important Dates for Cary Diwali 2017 Cultural Program Participation

Application deadline: Sunday, June 18, 2017

Audition date: Saturday, August 26, 2017

Stage rehearsal: Friday, October 13, 2017 (begin at 3 PM)

Cary Diwali: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Please fill out the cultural application form at [link](#) and submit it by Sunday June 18th, 11:59 pm.