

Federation of Asian Indian Associations



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INDIA FESTIVAL 2010 CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Welcome to the India Festival 2010. Please visit our website www.indiafestival.org for the complete background information on all the Festival's activities. The first and foremost goal of the India Festival has always been to celebrate our Indian heritage by supporting and highlighting the local talent within our community. Thank you for your interest in performing at the India Festival 2010. Our entertainment segment will be divided into two broad categories: **(1) Talent Hunt Competition for age groups below 18 years old and (2) Non-Competition Performances for age groups 16 years old and above. Please refer to the Rules & Guidelines on Page 2 of this document for further details.**

(1) Talent Hunt Competition for age groups below 18 years old:

If you are interested in participating in the Talent Hunt Competition please register for the respective category/categories (details of which are given below in the Rules and Guidelines) by filling up the Registration Form(s). Please complete the forms and return them to us latest by **July 15th, 2010** along with the music CDs (if being used) and **proof of age for each participant**. You will then be contacted to confirm your registration. The **music CDs** must be sent latest by **August 25th 2010**.

(2) Non-Competition Performances for age groups 16 years old & above:

If you would like to participate in the Non-Competition Performances please complete the Registration Form(s) and send them to us latest by **July 15th 2010** along with the music CDs (if being used) and **proof of age for each participant**. The **music CDs** must be sent latest by **August 25th 2010**. You will be contacted to confirm your participation and whether a preview performance is required depending on the number of interested parties in this category. **FIA reserves the right to pre-screen performances and/or assign performance time slots at their sole discretion. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.**

We hope that all your experiences with the India Festival will be very enjoyable and rewarding. Together with your participation and support, we can make this the most spectacular event in the Indian community year after year. Thank you once again and we look forward to working with you.

**Sincerely,
India Festival Cultural Committee**

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Rules and Guidelines:

1. The **Talent Hunt Competition** is open to all ages **between 4 and 17 years** in the **Dance** categories and between **6 and 17 years** in **other** categories.
2. The **Non-Competition Performances** are open to all ages **16 years and above**.
3. The **5 categories of Competitions/Performances** are: Solo Dance, Group Dance, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music and Any Other Talents. Within the Music and Any Other Talents categories there may be both Solo and Group performances.
4. **Any Other Talents** could include acting/theatre, imitation/mimicry, martial arts, gymnastics etc. but it should be some item that can be performed live on stage at the Festival.
5. **Solo** performance is defined as any performance with **only one** participant on stage.
6. **Group** performance is defined as any performance with **2 or more** participants on stage. Within this category a person can participate in **maximum one entry** in Talent Hunt Competition and **maximum one entry** in Non-Competition Performance.
7. The Solo Dance and Group Dance Competition categories have been further subdivided into 4 age groups – **(a) 4 - 6+ years (but not 7 years), (b) 7 to 9+ years (but not 10 years), (c) 10 to 13+ years (but not 14 years) and (d) 14 to 17+ years (but not 18 years)**. Age for these subgroups will be determined by the age of the participant as on **September 18th 2010**.
8. The Vocal Music, Instrumental Music and Any Other Talents Competition categories have been further subdivided into 3 age groups – **(a) 6 to 9+ years (but not 10 years), (b) 10 to 13+ years (but not 14 years) and (c) 14 to 17+ years (but not 18 years)**. Age for these subgroups will be determined by the age of the participant as on **September 18th 2010**.
9. **Exception** to the above rules is that a **Group** can have **up to 25%** of the number of participants of ages +/- maximum 1 year than the limits specified above, **except** in the case of the fourth group where **no** participant can be 18 years old or above but up to 25% participants may be up to maximum 1 year below 14 years old.
10. In case of **Non-Competition Group Performances** the **exception** to rule no. 2 is that **up to maximum 25%** of the number of participants in the group **can be of age below 16 years**.
11. If you require background music during your performance, then you must provide us your music on a CD only. We must receive your CD no later than **August 20th 2010** (along with the forms and other documents) for quality review. You will be notified if the recording does not meet our quality requirements and asked to submit another CD latest by **August 27th 2010**.
12. The **maximum time limit** for each entry will be strictly enforced as specified below:
 - Group Dance – **6 minutes**
 - Solo Dance – **4 minutes**
 - Vocal Music – **3 minutes**
 - Instrumental Music – **3 minutes**
 - Any Other Talents – **4 minutes**
13. Photocopies of proof of age for each of the participants must be sent along with the Registration Forms. Any forms that are not accompanied with these documents will **not be considered**. **All photocopies of proof of age will be destroyed after the event**.
14. All entries must be sent to us by **latest July 15th 2010**. Entries sent after that will **not be considered**.
15. FIA and India festival will not take responsibility of participant's injuries and sickness once their program performance is done. Children need to be with parents or guardians at all times.
16. FIA and India festival teams request children and parents to follow their own health insurance plans in case of accidents, sickness or injuries. FIA will also not take ownership of travel insurance for international or local participants.

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17. FIA and India festival will facilitate doctor clinical services during the event, but will restrain on taking decisions on the health suggestions. Participant's parents or guardians will take ownership of the decision process.

Registration Forms with documents and CDs as well as any questions or concerns can be sent (via email, fax or post) to:

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