



TASTE OF INDIA 2018
Cultural Program

Please mark your Calendars for **June 9th & 10th 2018** at **Cultural Center Of India** (6641 Ironbridge Parkway, Chester, VA 23831) from 12.30pm to 8.30pm both days. **Choreographers / participants** – please review all the rules and guidelines below for this year's Cultural Program participation.

GENERAL ENTRY – GUIDELINES AND RULES:

*Our Theme for this year is '**Classical To Modern BOLLYWOOD**'

Here are some optional ideas:

Be creative with any dance genre on old or new Bollywood tunes - Classical / Folk / Contemporary / free-style / Bollywood - international fusion. Use bright, creative costumes and props to enhance visibility on stage especially with our younger dancers.

*Competition Categories have specific themes, rules and guidelines in a separate section below on Page 3 & 4.

Please complete the General Entry form and email it to toiculturalprogram@gmail.com
All Details must be filled in and received as soon as possible. Deadline is May 20th 2018 to confirm your spot.

*There is no fee for General (non-competition) entries if submitted by deadline.

*Late entries for General participation after May 20th will pay a non-refundable late fee of \$20 per entry to reserve a spot. No Exceptions!

*Completed Entry forms will be accepted on first come first served basis, so please do not wait until later to register, you will not be guaranteed a spot. Entries on phone or email write up will not be accepted. Only completed entry forms please.

*Whether you are coordinating / choreographing one or more performances, all Group leaders and participants are advised to be available both days of this festival. Your performance(s) could be scheduled on either day of the weekend.

*Group leaders / Choreographers - please indicate on the registration form if any of your participants are part of other performances (include name of performances and full names of participants), in order to leave enough time for change of costumes.

*Minimum age for participation is 5 yrs. Solo participation is not allowed in General category.

We prefer minimum of 4 participants in a group performance, however, if you would like to perform with fewer participants in general category, send an email request to toiculturalprogram@gmail.com with details of your performance for consideration.

*Each participant can participate in maximum of total 4 performances on one day.

*Each participant can participate in maximum two performances in each group Competition Category.

*Participant must be available on both days to be able to participate in more than one performance. No Exceptions.

Choreographers – please ensure you check with participants on their enrollment in other performances prior to beginning rehearsals.

*AUDIO TRACKS: All performance audio tracks should be emailed in mp3 format with name of performance to toiculturalprogram@gmail.com by the deadline of May 20th 2018. Audio Cds labeled with Item name, age group and choreographer name are due at the Grand Rehearsal for back up purposes. Grand rehearsal date will be conveyed upon confirming participation.

***Please Note:** Preferred day and time for the performance in General Category may be requested, but preferences are not guaranteed.

Cultural Program schedules will be final. We appreciate your understanding & patience in advance.

** Registration is not confirmed until we have received the completed entry form with all the details and you have received a confirmation from Program Director.

Deadline for all Entries – May 20th 2018
After which late fees will apply. No exceptions.

FASHION SHOWS: “BOLLYWOOD – Style Se!” (entries due by May 1st)

Inviting participation for Fashion shows under two different age groups:

***Juniors - 2 yrs to 12 yrs** (youngest should be able to walk with a sibling or an adult)

***Teens n Adults group – 13yrs and above**

Please email your full names with ages to participate in Fashion shows by May 1st to toiculturalprogram@gmail.com Participant must be available for all rehearsals.

Please keep in mind Fashion shows may be scheduled on different days, Final schedule will not change.

TOI 2018 DANCE COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

1) “TOI Bollywood Beats” – Solo Category. Ages – 10 to 15 years. Strictly solo only.

Rules: Dancer must perform on a Bollywood tune or a fusion of bollywood tunes containing at least two or more variations of beats. You can choose one song containing different beats or create a fusion of different songs to show the variation of beats. Dancer should clearly show accuracy of rhythm as it changes.

Any Dance Genre or fusion of dance genres.

Be creative with costume and choreography. Props are optional.

**Only One performance allowed per participant in this category. Maximum 2 performances per choreographer (Each performance must have a unique participant).*

2) “TOI Bollywood International fusion” - Group Category. Ages – 5 to 9 years only

Rules – Must be a group of Minimum 4 participants.

Performance must be based on a fusion of tunes containing one or more bollywood tunes (old or new) and at least one internationally popular tune (acceptable language - English).

Describe clearly the music and dance genres you choose to perform.

Be creative with costumes and choreography. Props are encouraged.

**Please be advised that groups registering with one or more participants of ages between 10 to 15 yrs will be placed in Category 3 and will be judged based on that particular category.*

3) “TOI Bollywood Traditionally modern” - Group Category. Ages – 10 to 15 yrs only

Rules – Must be a group of minimum 4 participants

Performance must be based on modern bollywood dance form mixed with at least one or more traditional dance forms on bollywood tune(s). Show the theme clearly through the choreography and costumes. (Traditional dance forms can include folk / classical genres)

Please be advised that groups registering with one or more participants of ages above 15 yrs will be placed in Category 4 and will be judged based on that particular category.

4) “TOI Bollywood since 2K”- 16 years and above / Mixed Age group. Group Category.

Rules: 16 yrs and above groups may include younger participants in this category.

Perform one dance genre or a fusion of different dance genres from Bollywood films anytime from the year 2000 until current.

Be creative with costumes and choreography. Props are optional.

**** INCLUDE ALL FULL NAMES WITH CORRECT SPELLING AND CORRECT AGE OF EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE REGISTRATION FORM, ELSE REGISTRATION WILL BE UNCONFIRMED AND SLOT WILL NOT BE RESERVED.**

*Completed TOI 2018 Competition Entry Form can be mailed or dropped off with registration fees to 5800 Marcross Ct, Glen Allen VA and should be delivered by the deadline of May 20th 2018. Please make checks payable to **Cultural Center of India.**

*Fees - \$15 per Solo dance entry (strictly solos only), \$40 per Group dance entry (minimum 4 participants are a must) Fees are non-refundable after deadline of May 20th 2018.

*Late entries for General and Competition categories after May 20th will pay a non-refundable late fee of \$20 per entry in addition to normal fee in competition category to reserve a spot. No Exceptions!

*Cultural program schedules will be final. There is no preference of day or time available for a Competition entries. If you are unable to perform on the day and time your category is scheduled, your entry will be eliminated from competition. No Exceptions.

*Performances for Competition will not be accepted or registered without a registration fee or incomplete forms. Please ensure all the details are filled in along with First and Last name of each participant.

*Each participant can participate in maximum two performances in each group Competition Category.

*Choreographers with Competition entries are limited to 2 entries per choreographer with unique participant in the Solo category and maximum of 2 entries in each Group Category, to allow slots for other participating groups.

*Time Constraint is to be strictly followed. Judges will time each performance. Maximum performance duration for each category is 8 minutes.

*Judges Decision will be final.

****Deadline for all Competition Entries – May 20th 2018****

*Confetti or loose color of any sort is not permitted. Please pick up your props / any fallen items to facilitate the next performance.

Looking forward to another fun-filled and successful event with your participation, cooperation and support.

Warm Regards,

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