



TASTE OF INDIA 2019 Cultural Program

Review all the program rules before submitting form & fees at <https://cciva.org/taste-of-india>

Please mark your Calendars for March 23rd and 24th at Cultural Center Of India (6641 Ironbridge Parkway, Chester, VA 23831) from 12.30pm to 8.30pm both days for the most awaited Taste Of India festival.

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 '**Colors Of Life**'

Tips: 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.

All Details must be filled in and submitted along with applicable fees as soon as possible. **Deadline is March 1st 2019 11:59pm** for registration to be accepted with normal fee.

*Fees - \$15 non-refundable fee per entry for general entries.

*Late entries for General and competition categories after deadline will be accepted from March 2nd to March 15th with a non-refundable late fee of \$20 per entry in addition to normal fee to reserve a spot. No Exceptions. No changes will be made to the content of the entries after March 15th. Registration will close on March 15th, 11:59pm.

*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 within one 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 March 1st. 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 – March 1st 2019 After which additional late fees will apply. No exceptions.

FASHION SHOWS: “Colors Of Life” (entries due by March 1st)

Inviting participation for Fashion shows under two different age groups:

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

*Teens n Adults group – 13yrs and above

Please email your full names with ages to participate in Fashion shows by March 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 2019 DANCE COMPETITION CATEGORIES

1) "TOI Blues" – Solo Category. Ages – 10 to 15 years only.

Rules - Strictly solo only.

Performance could be related to water / sky / eyes /anything that comes to your mind about the color Blue. Message should be very clear with Choreography and costume.

Any Dance and Music Genre. Fusion of genres allowed.

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 Face Rangeela" - Group Category. Ages – 5 to 9 years*

Rules – Must be a group of Minimum 4 participants.

Performance must be based on the beautiful colors of the Indian national bird – Peacock. Choose one or more colors from the Peacock painted on the dancer's face.

No face masks allowed. Accessories are ok.

Facial expressions, coordination and choreography are important.

Be creative with costumes and choreography. Props are optional.

Any Dance and Music genres. Fusion of genres allowed.

**All participants must be within 5 to 9yrs of age to be placed in this category.*

Groups registering with one or more participants of ages above 9 yrs will be placed in Category 3 or 4 based on ages of participants and will be judged based on rules of that particular category.

3) TOI Radiant Reds: Ages – 10 to 15 yrs*

Rules – Must be a group of minimum 4 participants

Red is associated with energy, war, danger, strength, power, determination as well as passion, desire, and love.

Performers must clearly show the message through any of these qualities of Red through choreography, coordination, expression and presentation. Props are optional.

Any Dance and Music genres. Fusion of genres allowed.

**All participants must be within 10 to 15yrs of age to be placed in this category.*

Groups registering with one or more participants of ages above 15 yrs will be placed in Category 4 and will be judged based on rules of category 4.

4) "TOI We Are One"- Group Category. Ages - 16 yrs and above*

Rules: Must be a minimum of 4 Participants. Our skin color and appearance makes us unique, yet we are all one as we belong to the same Human race. Show the message of Unity in diversity clearly through choreography, coordination and expression.

Any Dance and Music genres. Fusion of genres allowed.

**Groups from Categories 2 & 3 with one or more older participants of 16yrs and above will be placed in this category and judged based on rules of category 4.*

Tips for all categories: Props should enhance the meaning of the act and not take away from emotion and expression.

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

Competition Entries submitted without Date Of Birth of each participant will not be accepted.

*TOI 2019 Competition Entry Form must be completed and submitted online at <https://cciva.org/taste-of-india> with applicable fees via paypal by March 1st to avoid additional late fees.

*Fees - \$20 per Solo dance entry (strictly solos only), \$45 per Group dance entry (minimum 4 participants are a must) Fees are non-refundable.

*Late entries for General and Competition categories after deadline will be accepted from March 2nd to March 15th with an additional non-refundable late fee of \$20 per entry in addition to normal fee to reserve a spot. No Exceptions. No changes will be made to the content of the entries after March 15th. Registration will close on March 15th, 11:59pm.

*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.

*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 – March 1st 2019

***Confetti or loose color of any sort is not allowed.** 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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