



TASTE OF INDIA 2020 Cultural Program

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

Mark your Calendars for March 21st and 22nd 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:

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***TOI 2020 Theme** is 'Weddings Around India'. However, choreographers may choose any other suitable themes / genres / cultures around the world for General entries.

*Completed Entry forms and fees will be accepted at <https://cciva.org/taste-of-india> Entries via phone or email write up will not be accepted. One form required per performance. Performance slot will only be secured after registration is complete.

All Details must be filled in and submitted along with applicable fees as soon as possible. **Deadline is March 1st 2020 11:59pm** for registration to be accepted with normal fee.

***General Entry 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 13th 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 13th. Registration will close on March 13th, 11:59pm.

*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.

***Duration** of each performance 8 minutes.

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.

***Scheduling:** Participants 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 March 1st. **Label the file with Performance title and choreographer name as in the form.** Choreographers are responsible for successful execution of sound tracks on the day of the event. Please make yourself or a team member available at the sound room, in case of any potential malfunction. Sound tracks will not be accepted via email after March 1st.

****Grand rehearsal:** Saturday, March 14th 2.00pm to 5.30pm @ CCIVA. Grand Rehearsal is first come first serve through sign in at the entrance. No slot reservations allowed.

*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 2020** After which additional late fees will be added. No exceptions.**

FASHION SHOW: (entries due by March 1st)

Inviting participation for Kids Fashion show: 2 yrs to 12 yrs (youngest should be able to walk with an older sibling or an adult) Send in your entries with full name and age to Ballari at ballarikanjilal@gmail.com

Participation for kids fashion show is limited to 30 entries.

Competition Categories and rules BELOW --

TOI 2020 DANCE COMPETITION CATEGORIES

1) "TOI Show Stopper" Ages – 10 to 15 years only.

Rules - Strictly solo only.

Special show stopping performance as a gift to the newly weds at their wedding celebration.

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 North Weds South" - Group Category. Ages – 5 to 9 years*

Rules – Must be a group of Minimum 4 participants.

Performance showing 2 diverse cultures coming together, 1 from North and 1 from Southern part of India.

Any Dance and Music genre. Fusion of genres allowed.

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

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

3) "TOI Traditional Wedding" - Group Category. Ages – 10 to 15 yrs*

Rules – Must be a group of minimum 4 participants

Performance at a traditional wedding. Choose one tradition from any single region in India(East / West / North / South).

Fully Traditional dance and music allowed. Fusion of traditional dance and music genres with other genres allowed.

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

Groups 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 Mix It Up"- Group Category. Ages - 16 yrs and above*

Rules: Must be a minimum of 4 Participants.

Performance showing blend of 2 or more cultures from India at a wedding celebration.

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.*

Competition Entries submitted without Full Names, Ages and Date Of Birth of each participant will not be accepted.

*TOI 2020 Competition Entry Form must be completed and submitted online at <https://cciva.org/taste-of-india> with applicable fees by March 1st to avoid additional late fees. **One form per performance.**

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

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team member available at the sound room, in case of any potential malfunction. Sound tracks will not be accepted via email after March 1st.

***Late entries for General and Competition** categories after deadline will be accepted from March 2nd to March 13th with an additional non-refundable late fee of \$20 per entry in addition to normal fee to reserve a spot (if available). No Exceptions.

No changes will be made to the content of the entries after March 1st.

Registration will close on March 13th, 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 without refund.

*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 within each category is 8 minutes (set up time not included, but should be minimal).

***Judges Decision will be final.**

****Deadline for all Competition Entries – March 1st 2020***(March 2nd to 13th with Late fee added)

***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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