

INDIA FESTIVAL 2011 CULTURAL PROGRAMS



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Welcome to the India Festival 2011. 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 2011. 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 all ages. 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 Online Registration Form only. **(Paper forms will not be accepted this year)**. Proof of age for each participant will be requested in case of enquiry or dispute. You will then be contacted to confirm your registration.

Note: MP3 of music will have to be uploaded along with online application. CD will not be accepted or processed.

(2) Non-Competition Performances for all ages:

If you would like to participate in the Non-Competition Performances please complete the Online Registration Form only. **(Paper forms will not be accepted this year)**. You will then be contacted to confirm your registration 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.**

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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**

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.
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 17th 2011**.
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 17th 2011**.
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. 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**
11. Photocopies of proof of age for each of the participants will be asked for in case of enquiry or dispute. **All photocopies of proof of age will be destroyed after the event.**
12. Last date will be announced on the www.indiafestival.org website.

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