

10th Annual – You’ve Got Talent

INDIA FESTIVAL USA

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Competition Guidelines and Regulations

Thank you for your interest in performing at the India Festival USA. We know our community in the NEO & Greater Cleveland region abounds in talent and we would like to encourage it by providing a platform to showcase the best in a competitive format. We also believe that the audience should get an opportunity to rate the performances and hence our competition guidelines reflect an interactive format.

If selected for the main auditorium, contestants will be performing in front of a live audience and a panel of judges. This is a one-of-a-kind competitive talent show organized by and for Greater Cleveland residents. Based upon your submitted performance sample, the talent committee will select the best entries for the main auditorium. Other participants may be given an opportunity to perform during a cultural segment of the festival.

Committee reserves the right to reject any entry to preserve the entertainment value of the attending guests and ensure family-friendliness of each item.

Please adhere to the following guidelines and regulations:

1. You can take part only in one item in the competition, whether solo or in a group.
2. The competition is open to all and has the following categories (Minor, Junior, Senior). (Time limit – **4 (FOUR) minutes**)
Minor age group is between 6 and 10.
Junior age group is between 11 and 17.
Senior age group is between 18+.
3. Age must be in compliance for each category as of Sat. Sep. 14, 2019
4. Registration must be completed online at www.indiafestivalusa.org
5. For group participants, select senior if at least one member of the group is age 18 or over.
6. You **MUST** provide a sample of your performance as part of the registration by including an online link (FB, YouTube video etc.)** This sample could be that of a previous performance, and does not need to be the actual competition piece.
7. YGT committee will determine the eligibility of the entry to be selected for competition or non-competition segment.
8. Registration will not be complete unless the registration fee is received. Registration fee is \$15 per participant.
9. For group performance the fee will be \$15 times number of members in the group.
10. Each participant will receive on the Festival day one Participant Trophy, one food coupon, and reserved seating for auditorium events.
11. The registration fee will be refunded only if you are not selected. Refund will be issued within 30 days of conclusion of the festival.
12. All correspondence will be with the group leader as nominated in the registration form.
13. If selected and notified to perform in the Festival, you will have to submit any background music (dance track, karaoke track etc.) that you require to be played during your performance. Submission details will be included in the notification email.
14. Performance **MUST NOT** exceed **4 (FOUR) minutes**. Judges will impose negative marks for exceeding this duration.
15. Judges follow a rubric to evaluate the performance. A sample rubric may be provided to selected contestants. Typically, performances are judged on choreography, costume, quality of voice, song selection, entertainment value etc. as may be applicable.
16. Any attempt to communicate with or influence any judge will disqualify the participant.
17. Committee/Judges reserve the right to reject/stop any entry/performance to preserve the entertainment value for the attending guests and ensure family-friendliness of each item.
18. Winners will be announced during the Evening Award Ceremony.
19. Winning Entry participant(s) must be present. If not present, next in-line will be declared a winner.
20. Audience Vote Counts and Judges' decisions are final.
21. All participants must report at the festival between 10:00 am and 10:30 am. **NO EXCEPTION**. Detailed instructions will be emailed before the festival to each team leader / choreographer.
22. IFUSA reserves the right to pre-screen performances and/or assign performance time slots at their sole discretion.
23. There will be a CASH PRIZE for the People's choice WINNER. Visit www.IndiaFestivalUSA.org for details.

Sincerely,
India Festival USA Committee
Not-for-profit 501 (c)(3)

YGT19 Registration FORM

Select Category (Max. performance time - 4 (FOUR) Minutes)

- Minor (6 - 10 Years) Junior (11 - 17 Years) Senior (18+ Years)

For group performance, select the category of the OLDEST age performer.

Example: Junior if at least one member of the group is older 11 or older. Senior if at least one member of the group is 18 or older. Age as of Event Day.

NOTE: YGT performance MUST NOT exceeds 4 (FOUR) minutes. Judges will impose negative marks for exceeding this duration.

Performance Type (Required):

- Dance Singing Instrumental Stand-up Comedy
 Other - Please Describe.

Performance Title (Required): _____

Performance Description (Required): Please provide a description of your performance that will be referenced by Judges and Event Emcees.

Primary Contact Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Performance Sample Reference Link(s):

Performer(s) Details: (List All Names & Ages):

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Registration Fee: (\$15 per Participant)

Of Participant: _____ x \$15 = _____ (Total Amount)

Select Payment Type

PAY by CHECK

Make check payable to "India Fest USA".

Mail to **India Fest USA, 7910 Windridge Drive, Broadview Hts., Ohio 44147**

PAY by Credit Card or PayPal.

Call us at 216-532-5532 or email to IndiaFestUSA@yahoo.com to make online payment processing.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

PLEASE READ, SIGN & RETURN.

You will receive an email confirming your schedule and other information like applicant (aka participant(s)) check-in; special parking, etc. The India Festival USA (hereinafter may be referred to as "IFUSA") may promote your organization/group through any of our PR materials. Due to limited time slots, not all performances can be accommodated in competition segment. Some may perform and non-competition segment. All accepted groups will be notified. The India Festival USA Performance Committee will review all completed applications and notify the performance organization whether the application has been accepted and whether the organization will be included in the 2019 India Festival USA competition or non-competition segments. The India Festival USA Executive Committee reserves the right to reject, cancel and/or reschedule any performances at the India Festival USA as they deem necessary.

By signing this application: the applicant, by and through its duly authorized undersigned representative, and including the applicant's members, volunteers, staff and employees, if applicable, and the applicant's heirs, affiliated subsidiaries and parent organizations, administrators and executors (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the applicant"), hereby waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights, claims for damages, demands, or actions which the applicant may have or may hereafter accrue to the applicant against the India Festival USA, its organizers, volunteers, independent contractors, sponsors and affiliated organizations, the City of Independence, event sponsors, and all affiliate organizations and individuals of 2019 India Festival USA for any and all property damage, illness, accident, injuries suffered, even death, by the applicant in any manner related to the India Festival USA, including but not limited to set-up, festival events, breakdown, clean-up, any services rendered, first aid, marketing and publicity of said festival. The applicant acknowledges and understands that the applicant is responsible for complying with all federal, state and local laws and regulations including but not limited to tax, labor and workers compensation laws.

The applicant consents to the India Festival USA ("IFUSA")'s use of its names on IFUSA's website(s) and social media sites as well as to authorize the India Festival USA to photograph, videotape, film and record (including but not limited to film, tape, or any other medium), its appearance, performance, interviews, rehearsals, behind the scenes work, and work as crew at IFUSA. IFUSA may also edit the same at its discretion and to include it with other sights, sounds, performances, organizations, and people as well as sound effects, special effects, digital effects and music. IFUSA may incorporate the same into the picture, trailers, posters or other materials or programs related to the India Festival USA; to use and to license others to use such records and photographs in any manner or media whatsoever, including without limitation unrestricted use for purposes of publicity, advertising and sales promotion; and to use its names, likeness, voice, biography and other information in connection with the India Festival USA and for any other purpose associated with said festival. The India Festival USA is not responsible for any unauthorized duplication, distribution and/or use by third parties.

The undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, understands and agrees to comply with the above and any additional rules and regulations of the India Festival USA. The undersigned, on behalf of the applicant, further affirms that the information provided herein is true and accurate.

NAME (Print / Type) of Choreographer(s) and/or Group Coordinator(s) / Leader(s)

Signature
