

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual – You’ve Got Talent (#YGT23)

# 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 and Surrounding Ohio abounds in talent. 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 Team IFUSA. Based upon your submitted performance sample, the talent committee will select the best entries for the main auditorium.

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 – **5 (FIVE) minutes**)
  - Minor age group is between 6 and 10.
  - Junior age group is between 11 and 17.
  - Senior age group is 18 and over.
3. Age restriction must be in compliance for each category as of YGT Competition Day.
4. Registration must be completed online at [www.indiafestivalusa.org](http://www.indiafestivalusa.org)
5. For group participants, select the Seniors age category 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 & include an online link (Facebook, 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 **\$20** per participant.
9. For group performance the fee will be **\$20** times the number of members in the group.
10. **Each participant will receive the Festival Participation Certificate and reserved seating for auditorium events.**
11. The registration fee will be refunded only if you are not selected. Refunds will be issued within 30 days of the conclusion of the festival.
12. All correspondence to contestants will be done through 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. Performances **MUST NOT** exceed **5 (FIVE) minutes**. Judges will impose negative marks for exceeding this duration.
15. Judges follow a rubric to evaluate the performance (Proficiency, Originality, Preparation, Appearance, Audience Appeal)
16. Typically, performances are judged on choreography, costume, quality of voice, song selection, entertainment value etc. as applicable.
17. Any attempt to communicate with or influence any judge will disqualify the participant.
18. Committee/Judges reserve the right to reject/stop any entry/performance to preserve the entertainment value for the attending guests and ensure the family-friendliness of each performance.
19. Winners will be announced during the Award Ceremony.
20. Entry participant(s) must be present to win the competition. If not present, the next in-line will be declared a winner.
21. Audience Vote Counts and Judges' decisions are final.
22. All participants must report at the festival between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Detailed instructions will be emailed before the festival to each team leader / choreographer.
23. IFUSA reserves the right to pre-screen performances and/or assign performance time slots at their sole discretion.
24. **There will be a CASH PRIZE for the Judge's Choice Winners & People's Choice Winners. Visit [www.IndiaFestivalUSA.org](http://www.IndiaFestivalUSA.org) for more details.**

Sincerely,  
**India Festival USA Committee**  
Not-for-profit 501 (c)(3)  
[www.IndiaFestivalUSA.org](http://www.IndiaFestivalUSA.org)

# YGT23 Registration FORM

## Select Category (Max. performance time - 5 (FIVE) Minutes)

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

For group performances, please select the category of the OLDEST age performer.

Example: Select "Junior" if at least one member of the group is age 11 or older. Select "Senior" if at least one member of the group is 18 or older. Age used must be as of the Event Day.

**NOTE: YGT performance MUST NOT exceed 5 (FIVE) minutes. Judges will impose negative marks for exceeding time 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.

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## Primary Contact Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Performance Sample Reference Link(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fee: (\$20 per Participant)

# Of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total Amount)

## Select Payment Type

- PAY by CHECK

Make a check payable to "India Fest USA".

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

- PAY by Zelle Pay

Call 216-532-5532 or email to [IndiaFestUSA@gmail.com](mailto:IndiaFestUSA@gmail.com) to make Zelle payment. Processing fee may apply.

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

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**ADDITIONAL DETAILS:**

**PLEASE READ, SIGN & RETURN. (Scan & Email to [IndiaFestUSA@gmail.com](mailto:IndiaFestUSA@gmail.com))**

By signing this application: the applicant, or a duly authorized undersigned representative, shall include 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 (hereinafter may be referred to as "IFUSA"), its organizers, volunteers, independent contractors, sponsors and affiliated organizations, "You've Got Talent" competition venue, event sponsors, and any and all affiliate organizations and individuals of IFUSA for any and all property damage, illness, accident, injuries suffered, even death, by the applicant in any manner related to the IFUSA, including but not limited to set-up, festival events, breakdown, clean-up, any services rendered, first aid, marketing, and publicity, of said talent festival.

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

The applicant consents to the IFUSA's use of its names on IFUSA's website(s) and social media sites, as well authorizes the IFUSA organization and volunteers 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 these recordings at its discretion and include it with other visuals, performances, organizations, and people as well as sound effects, special effects, digital effects and music. IFUSA may incorporate the same into promotional material including photos, videos, trailers, posters and/or other materials or programs related to the IFUSA. By signing, the application agrees that IFUSA may use and 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 any names, likeness, voice, biography and other information in connection with the IFUSA event for any other purpose associated with said festival. The IFUSA organization is not responsible for any unauthorized duplication, distribution and/or use by third parties.

By signing below, as the applicant or on behalf of the applicant, the applicant understands and agrees to comply with the above and any additional rules and regulations of the IFUSA. By signing, 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)

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Signature & Date

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