



Hum Sub Cary Diwali 2019

Cultural Program Guidelines

Aim

- Display India's diverse and splendid heritage to the community.
- Promote family events that celebrate diversity and aim to build a stronger foundation for our youth.

If you are looking for a platform to showcase your talents, sign up for Cary Diwali 2019!!

Theme

Sur Sahitya - A confluence of art, music, and literature.

Welcome to Sur Sahitya – a confluence of art, music, and literature, the theme of Cary Diwali 2019! As in years past, we invite you to a day-long immersive experience in all things Indian- from music and dance to food and shopping. This year, we add to this exhilarating mix a snapshot India's rich literary traditions. The Cary Diwali performing stage has been bringing you class acts from some of the Triangle's best-loved schools of music and dance and this year is no exception. Be it children as young as 7 shaking a leg to the best of Bollywood or the spirited performances of our seniors, you will be hard pressed to find a dull moment at Cary Diwali! Savor the best in Indian food from our carefully selected restaurants and catch up on the latest in fashion, jewelry, home decor from vendors who plan for months to bring you the best. Don't miss the evening's show that will be anchored by a headline performer from India, which will be preceded by the second edition of our hugely popular university dance competition and our very own town celebrities' show! Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct 12, 2019, and troop down to the Koka Booth Amphitheater for sumptuous Indian food and adrenaline-pumping entertainment to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights!

Please read the requirements and guidelines carefully before submitting your application. We look forward to your participation and contribution to a wonderful program.

There will be a \$50.00 (per item) registration fee for all the accepted applications performing at Cary Diwali 2019.

General entry requirements:

- A maximum of 3 items, *and no more than one item from each age group*, will be accepted from the same choreographer. This is to allow everyone to have the opportunity to perform on the Cary Diwali stage. Your cooperation in this is much appreciated.
- Items performed between October 1st, 2018 and October 12th, 2019 cannot be re-staged for Cary Diwali 2019. The selection of any repeat items will be at the

sole discretion of the Cultural Committee. Any such selection will be based on the quality of the performance.

Dance Drama:

- This will be restricted to a maximum of two for the program and as such, we encourage you to keep this in mind as you pick your performance category. Entry forms must have a detailed description of the item and story line.
- We are looking for very high-quality entries in this category and one of the criteria for selection will be conformity with the theme of Cary Diwali 2019.

Music requirements:

- You may choose up to a maximum of three songs for a medley. More than three songs in a medley will be subject to approval by the cultural committee.
- Songs chosen in one medley cannot be repeated in another medley, either wholly or partly, by the same or any other choreographer, and not even if it is just for a few seconds.
- You can, however, repeat a medley song if you are going to use it for a full performance. This applies to the group that has chosen the medley as well as any other group.
- A remix is also considered a repetition.

Songs will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If a song has already been taken, you will be asked to pick a different song. Please select songs that are appropriate for the performers' age group and Cary Diwali's family audience.

Music will be accepted online in MP3 or MP4 format and it should be submitted along with the Cultural Entry Detail Form by August 3, 2019

For MP4, we will not allow any text on the visuals it can only have images.

Age requirements:

- The minimum age for the participant is 7 years. The performer should have turned 7 on or by end of August 2019
- Suggested age groups are as follows:
7-12;
13-16; &
17 and above
- Mixing of age groups will be acceptable if the item requires it and the group is cohesive in terms of quality and appearance.

Item Type	Minimum number of participants	Maximum duration
Classical	6	4 minutes
Folk/Fusion	8	4 minutes

Filmi	8	4 minutes
Vocal/Instrumental	10	4 minutes
Dance Drama (Limited entries)	12	8 minutes

Note: Performance time includes announcements, entrance and exit.

Points to note:

1. Please bear in mind that the Cary Diwali stage is a big stage and having fewer number of participants the minimum mentioned against each category will take away much from the performance's visual impact. We encourage you to use the size of this stage to your best advantage, while keeping in mind the overall composition of the group.
2. Given that we are going with three broad age categories this year, make sure the performers you pick, who, in certain age groups, may be at different stages of physical maturation, blend well as a group.
3. Since there is a time limit of 4 minutes for the Classical dance category, we suggest you use the colors of classical dance costumes to make up for the shorter performance times.
4. "Fusion" here includes film dance/music inspired by non-filmi genres. Think "Folk Bollywood," "Classical Bollywood" etc.

Costumes:

- We encourage you to be creative with your costumes, while keeping it appropriate for a family audience.
- Please try to avoid black tights with tank tops.
- Costume should be appropriate to the dance style.
- Cultural Committee has the final say on the appropriateness of costumes.
- In case of any costume changes after the audition, please get the Cultural Committee's approval.

Waiver requirements:

- Please make sure all participants use their "official" names.
- This year, we are planning to move a lot of our documentation online and this makes it even more critical that we get all names right the first time!

Audition:

- Items will be selected based on the originality, creativity of the choreography, coordination, energy, performance, quality and overall presentation. Audition will

be held on **Sunday, August 18, 2019** at Cary Senior Center Ballroom, 120 Maury Odell Pl, Cary, NC 27513.

- Items are selected based on your performance during auditions.
- A sample costume or a picture of the costume should be presented to the cultural committee on the day of the auditions.
- All groups/items **must** attend the audition in order to be selected and the choreographer/coordinator who can give all the required information regarding the performance should be present in person for the audition, stage rehearsal and the main event.

It is also your responsibility to let us know by **audition** if any of your participants are performing in more than one item in Cary Diwali. We cannot guarantee spacing of items to accommodate time needed for costume changes, after the audition.

Event:

- **It is mandatory for all groups to attend stage rehearsal and your absence will disqualify your entry and you will forfeit the registration fee.**
- Each group must check in with the stage manager 45 minutes before the performance time in the area assigned by the Cultural Committee.
- It is the choreographer's responsibility to be present with the group backstage, ready to perform 30 minutes before the scheduled performance time.
- Hum Sub will not entertain request for performance sequence change and will not wait if one of the performers has not arrived.

Cultural Committee

The Cultural Committee is responsible for selecting items that meet the objectives listed above while conforming to the theme, and also for ensuring quality and compliance with guidelines. The committee is available to advise and assist as needed. For assistance, please contact committee members at cultural_programs@humsub.net

Important Dates for Cary Diwali 2019 Cultural Program Participation

Choreographer meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2019 10 AM

Application deadline: Sunday, June 16, 2019

Entry Detail deadline: Saturday, August 3, 2019

Audition date: Sunday, August 18, 2019

Stage rehearsal: Friday, October 11, 2019 **(begin at 3 PM)**

Cary Diwali: Saturday, October 12, 2019

Please fill out the cultural application form at humsub.org and submit it by Sunday June 16th, 11:59 pm.