



# Hum Sub Cary Diwali 2021

## Cultural Program Guidelines

### Aim

- Display India's diverse and splendid heritage to the community.
- Promote family oriented events which are geared towards diversity to build a stronger foundation for our youth.

If you are looking for a platform to showcase your talents, sign up for Cary Diwali 2021!!

### Theme

#### Vihaan - New beginnings

Hum Sub presents "Vihaan – New Beginnings", an in-person celebration of Cary Diwali 2021. Vihaan is Sanskrit for "Dawn" and symbolizes the beginning of a post pandemic world. As we step into the new normal, let us come together in a safe and sound way to celebrate India's rich culture and heritage. This year, Cary Diwali will be celebrated in a scaled-down version. We will showcase performances by talented artists from our community in the afternoon, followed by a primetime performance concert by a local band. The evening will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show, to mark the beginning of a new era in human history.

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

**There will be a \$50.00 (per item) registration fee for all the accepted applications performing at Cary Diwali 2021**

### Entry requirements:

**we are limiting it to 30 performances and choreographers should aim to maximize the number of performers in any given item, so that more people get a chance to perform.**

- Maximum of 2 items, *but no more than one item from each age group*, will be accepted from the same choreographer/coordinator/dance school. We would like to give the opportunity to a maximum number of choreographers. Your cooperation will be much appreciated.
- The duration of one item **cannot exceed** 4 mins .
- Items performed between October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 can't be re-staged for Cary Diwali 2021. The selection of any repeat items will be at the sole discretion of the Cultural Committee. Any such selection will be based on the perceived quality of the performance and its conformity with the Cary Diwali theme.

## Musical Dance Drama:

- Entry forms have to be submitted with a description of the item and story line.
- Number of entries and acceptance of the entries will be at the sole discretion of the cultural committee and will be based on the time availability, perceived quality of the item and the conformity with the theme.

## Music requirements:

- **Song selection:** The track for an item may consist of a medley of up to a maximum of three songs. No song (including songs in medley) can be repeated during the Cary Diwali 2021 except if someone wants to do the entire item on one song (not medley), and the song is already part of a medley by another group, the group doing the full song can repeat the song. Remixes of the same song are also considered a repetition. The group who sends its selection first will be assigned the song and subsequent groups will be notified by the Cultural Committee asking them to select a different song.
- The medley items should have a theme ( ex - One item with theme of friendship , upto 3 songs medley)
- Please select songs that are appropriate for performers' age group and Cary Diwali's family oriented audience.
- Music will be accepted online in MP4 format and it should be submitted along with the Entry form
- Cultural Entry Detail Form due by (Aug 10th)

## Age requirements:

- The minimum age for the participant is 7 years. The performer should have turned 7 on or by August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Suggested age groups:  
Young kids/Teens : 7-12  
Teens: 13-16  
Young adult/Adult: 17 and above
- Mixing of age groups will be acceptable if the item requires it and the group looks cohesive in terms of quality and appearance.

Item Type	Age group	Minimum no. of participants	Maximum duration
Classical group dance	Pre-teens and Teens	8	4 minutes
Classical/Semi-classical (Limited entries)	Ages 13+	8	4 minutes
Folk/Film/Semi-classical/Fusion Dances	All age groups	8	4 minutes

<b>Instrumental</b>	All age groups	5	4 minutes
<b>Vocal with live instruments</b>	At least 1 participant must be 16 and older	5	3-4 minutes
<b>Musical Dance Drama (Limited entries)</b>	All age groups including mixed age group	10	8 minutes

**Note: Performance time includes announcements, entrance and exit.**

### **Costumes:**

- Traditional Indian costumes are expected for performers and please try to avoid black tights with tank tops.
- Costume should be appropriate to the dance style.
- Cultural Committee makes the final determination of the appropriateness of costumes.
- In case of any costume changes after the audition, please get the Cultural Committee's approval.

### **Participant Names:**

- Same names are spelled differently by different people. Please confirm with your participants how they spell their names.
- It is your responsibility to let us know by **audition** if any of your participants are performing in more than one item in Cary Diwali. We can't guarantee spacing of items to accommodate time needed for costume change after the audition.

### **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 **Aug 21st 2021** at Cary Arts Center.
- 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.

### **Event:**

- **It is mandatory for all groups to attend stage rehearsal and your absence will disqualify your entry and 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 scheduled performance time.

- Hum Sub will not entertain requests for performance sequence change and will not wait if one of the performers has not arrived.
- In event of cancellations of in person events due to any unavoidable situations ( lock down / town of Cary restrictions ) the CD will move to Virtual .

### **Cultural Committee**

The 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](mailto:cultural_programs@humsub.net)

### **Important Dates for Cary Diwali 2021 Cultural Program Participation**

**Application deadline: July 18th**

**Entry Detail submission deadline : Aug 11th**

**Audition date: Aug 21st**

**Stage rehearsal: Oct 8th**

**Cary Diwali: Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Please fill out the cultural application form at [link](#) and submit it by Sunday July 18, 11:59 pm.**