



## Hum Sub Diwali 2024 Cultural Program Guidelines

### **Objectives:**

- To showcase India's rich and splendid heritage to the community.
- To promote family events that celebrate inclusivity and diversity, aiming to build a stronger foundation for our youth.

If you're seeking a platform to display your talents, we invite you to sign up for Hum Sub Diwali 2024!

### **Theme : Naari - Ek Shakti:**

Welcome to another edition of Hum Sub Diwali! Our theme for 2024 is “**Naari- Ek Shakti: Pioneers of Progress**”, in recognition of the seminal contribution women have made to shaping the story of modern India.

Hum Sub Diwali 2024 brings to you all the things that makes this such a loved event, and more. Enjoy a daylong immersive cultural experience with Indian dance and music - both classical and bollywood -cuisine from area's most popular restaurants, the latest in Indian fashions and ethnic accessories, a highly rated evening performer from India, a scintillating fireworks display, and an Exhibition on the achievements of Indian women from all walks of life.

Be thrilled, Be inspired, Be entertained, Be pampered!

We encourage you to unleash your creativity and explore all genres – from folk to Bollywood to classical – as you submit your applications for Hum Sub Diwali 2024.

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

### **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/coordinator, This is to ensure everyone has the opportunity to perform on the Hum Sub Diwali stage. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.
- Items performed between October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 cannot be re-staged for Hum Sub Diwali 2024. The selection of any repeat items will be at the sole discretion of the Cultural Committee, based on the quality of the performance.

### **Dance Drama:**

- Dance Dramas will be restricted to very few for the program and as such, we encourage you to keep this in mind as you pick your performance category. Entry forms must include a detailed description of the item and storyline.
- We are seeking high-quality entries in this category. One of the criteria for selection will be alignment with the theme of Hum Sub Diwali 2024.

### **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 Hum Sub Diwali's family audience. Music should be submitted online in MP3/MP4 format along with the cultural entry detail form by **July 31, 2024**.

**Age requirements:**

- The minimum age for the participant is 7 years. The performer should have turned 7 on or before August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Not adhering to the age rule will disqualify a participant and/or the entire performance.
- Suggested age groups are as follows:
  - o 7-12
  - o 13-16
  - o 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
Bollywood	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 Hum Sub Diwali stage is large and having fewer participants than the minimum mentioned against each category will detract 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, ensure the performers you pick, who, in certain age groups, maybe 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 compensate for the shorter performance times.
4. "Fusion" here includes film dance/music inspired by non-filmi genres. Think "Folk Bollywood," "Classical Bollywood" etc.
5. **The cultural program will begin at 10:30 am and end around 4 pm (exact timings will be known after the auditions). The Cultural Committee will schedule each item based on audition results and other considerations. We cannot accommodate any subsequent requests for schedule changes.**

#### **Costumes:**

- We encourage you to be creative with your costumes while keeping them appropriate for a family audience.
- Avoid wearing revealing tank tops or crop tops.
- If wearing a skirt or dress, please ensure it falls below the knee.
- Avoid wearing clothing that is too tight, revealing, and inappropriate.
- Costumes should be appropriate to the dance style.
- The 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.
- Let's aim for creative and fun costumes that are respectful and considerate of others.

#### **Waiver requirements:**

- Please ensure all participants use their "official" names.
- It's critical that we get all names correct the first time!

#### **Audition:**

- Items will be selected based on the originality, creativity of the choreography, coordination, energy, performance, quality and overall presentation. Auditions will be held on **Saturday, August 17, 2024** at Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Ave, 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 time** if any of your participants are performing in more than one item in Hum Sub Diwali. We cannot guarantee spacing of items to accommodate the time needed for costume changes, after the audition.

#### **Event:**

- **All groups MUST attend stage rehearsal and your absence will disqualify your entry.**
- **Rehearsal will begin at 3 pm on Friday. Cultural programs will begin at 10:30 am and end at 4 pm on event day.**
- 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 requests 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](mailto:cultural_programs@humsub.net)

**Important Dates for Hum Sub Diwali 2024 Cultural Program Participation:**

- Application deadline: Sunday, June 16, 2024
- Audition date: Saturday, August 17, 2024
- Stage rehearsal: Friday, October 11, 2024 (begin at 3 pm)
- Hum Sub Diwali: Saturday, October 12, 2024 (Cultural program will begin at 10:30 am and end at 4 pm)

**Where do I apply?**

Please fill out the cultural application form at the Hum Sub [portal](#) (**Note:** New users must register first and sign a waiver. Existing users can log in with their credentials) and submit it by Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:59pm.