

Cultural Program Guidelines for Hum Sub's Basant Bahar 2025

Hum Sub is thrilled to announce the application process for Basant Bahar 2025, an event dedicated to showcasing classical and traditional Indian dance, music, and Art form. This year's event is particularly special as we celebrate 25 years of fostering cultural preservation and community awareness.

We invite area artists, schools, and teachers to submit their proposals for creative and artistically excellent mini-productions that align with this year's theme, *"Yaadein – Ek Suhana Safar"* (Memories – A Beautiful Journey). We encourage participants to showcase their creativity through choreography conveying a powerful message of:

- Bridging the East and West through cultural exchange and understanding,
- Fostering harmony and unity among diverse communities
- Inspire cross-cultural appreciation
- Inspire future generations to embrace their heritage

Event Details:

- **Application Deadline:** Sunday, December 29th, 2024
- **Decision Notification:** Sunday, January 5, 2025
- **Program Review Date:** Saturday, February 8, 2025
- **Rehearsal Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2025
- **Event Date:** Sunday, March 30, 2025
- **Venue:** Cary Arts Center, Cary, NC

Who Can Apply?

We welcome applications from all local teachers, schools, or artist groups who can present a unique, cohesive, and artistically excellent mini production. Applicants must adhere to the following guidelines:

- The program must reflect the spirit of classical and traditional Indian dance, music and art forms.
- Submissions should combine creativity, authenticity, and cultural integrity incorporating the theme.

Selection Criteria:

The **Program Committee** will evaluate applications based on the following:

- **Creativity and Originality:** The performance should be unique, creative and original.
- **Cohesive Theme:** Program should be aligned to the theme and it should not be just a collection of different pieces.
- **Comprehensive Program Description:** The application should include:
 - A clear **description of the program** with details on the theme, choreography, music, props, and other key elements.
 - Information about the **number of participants** and their **age groups**.
 - Also include technical requirements and any other relevant information that will be helpful in visualizing the performance.
- **Accepted Mini-Productions:** Classical and traditional dance, music, and art forms.
- **Participant Requirements:** The program must involve a minimum of **10 participants**, aged **7 or older**, with at least **75% of participants aged 9 or older**.
- **Originality:** Only **original productions** will be considered. Prior performances of the program will result in disqualification.
- **Performance Duration:** The selected program should be designed to fit minimum of **10-minutes** and a **maximum of 15-minute duration**.

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Cultural Integrity

Hum Sub aims to showcase programs of the highest quality to an audience of diverse ethnicities and backgrounds. Any program that portrays a particular culture, religion, community, or language in a derogatory manner will not be accepted.

Important Notes:

- **Program Approval:** The Program Committee will evaluate all submissions based on the provided application. Selection will be based on the uniqueness and creativity of the proposed concept for a 10 – 15 minutes performance. The application must include a detailed description covering the concept, costumes, props, music, and any other relevant elements. All applications must adhere to the provided guidelines. The Program Committee's decisions will be final.
- **Program Review:** The Program Committee will review the short-listed items and may request a further update from the choreographers. The selected performances will undergo a **performance review session on February 8, 2025 at Cary Arts Center**. Each group must be prepared to present a 5–6-minute segment of their performance during the review session. If necessary, a follow-up meeting with the choreographer may be scheduled. Teams must adhere to their submitted proposal and guidelines. Any team that fails to do so will not be considered to perform at the final event.
- **Program Readiness:** The full program must be completely prepared and ready for informal presentation to the Program Committee at least **30 days prior** to the event date. This includes confirming all aspects of the performance, such as choreography, costumes, props, and music.

Music:

- Audio must be submitted as MP3 format
- Audio and Visual (multimedia projection) must be submitted as one file in MP4 format
- Music submission deadline: **Saturday January 25, 2025**.

To Apply:

Please complete the application form and submit it by **Sunday, December 29, 2024**.

For inquiries or questions, please email:

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We look forward to receiving your application and celebrating the milestone 25th Year at **Hum Sub Basant Bahar 2025!**