

Hum Sub Diwali 2025

Cultural Program Guidelines for 25th year of Hum Sub

Theme: YAADEIN – Ek Suhana Safar

25 Glorious Years of Culture, Community, and Celebration

Objectives

- To showcase India's rich and splendid heritage to the community.
- To promote family-friendly events that celebrate inclusivity and diversity, helping build a stronger foundation for our youth.
- To provide a platform for new and returning talent to share their creativity through high-quality performances.

If you are looking for a chance to showcase your group's talent, we encourage you to sign up for **Hum Sub Diwali 2025** and join this journey of cherished memories!

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** Sunday, **June 15, 2025** (by 11:59 PM)
 - **Audition Date:** Saturday, **August 16, 2025 (Tentative)**
 - **Location:** Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Ave, Cary, NC 27511
 - **Stage Rehearsal:** Friday, **October 10, 2025** (starting at 2:00 PM)
 - **Event Date:** Saturday, **October 11, 2025**
Cultural program runs from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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General Entry Requirements

- A maximum of **3 entries per choreographer/coordinator**, with **no more than one item per age group**.
- Entries will be carefully reviewed to ensure originality and avoid unintentional duplication across schools or choreographers.

- For our 25th year of Hum Sub, we will be accepting limited applications to ensure quality and program manageability.
 - Performances presented at any location between **October 1, 2024 and October 10, 2025** are not eligible unless approved by the Cultural Committee based on quality.
 - Performances **must align with the 2025 theme**, "*Yaadein – Ek Suhana Safar*", and reflect nostalgia, memories, or cultural storytelling.
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Performance Categories & Limits

Item Type	Min Participants	Max Duration
Classical	6	4 minutes
Folk / Fusion	8	4 minutes
Bollywood	8	4 minutes
Vocal / Instrumental	10	4 minutes
Dance Drama (Limited)	12	8 minutes

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

Age Requirements

- Minimum age: **7 years** (must be 7 by **Aug 15, 2025**).
 - Age groups:
 - 7–12 years
 - 13–16 years
 - 17 and above
 - Mixing age groups is acceptable if the group is cohesive in quality and presentation.
 - Participants violating the minimum age rule may disqualify the entire entry.
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Dance Drama

- Very limited slots available.
- High expectations for **thematic alignment** and **narrative quality**.
- Entry must include a **detailed description and storyline**.

- Subject to strict selection by the Cultural Committee.
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Music Guidelines

- A medley may include up to **3 songs** only.
Requests for more than 3 songs require Cultural Committee approval.
 - Songs used in one medley **cannot be reused**, fully or partially (including remixes), in another medley.
 - Songs used in a medley may be repeated **only if performed fully** in another entry.
 - Song selections are on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
 - Songs must be **age-appropriate and family-friendly**.
 - **Deadline for music submission:** July 31, 2025
(MP3/MP4 format, submitted online with the cultural entry form).
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Auditions

- **Mandatory for all entries.** Items not auditioned will not be selected.
 - Judging criteria: **Originality, creativity, coordination, theme alignment, energy, and overall quality.**
 - Bring a **sample costume or picture** to the audition.
 - **Choreographer/coordinator must be present** for the audition, stage rehearsal, and main event.
 - Notify the committee during auditions if any participant is in **more than one item**. We cannot guarantee time for costume changes. It's the choreographer or the school's responsibility to let the cultural committee know. No last minute changes to performing time will be allowed.
 - 70% of the participants' presence is mandatory during auditions.
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Costume Guidelines

- Be **creative but respectful**. Costumes must be appropriate for both the **dance style** and **family audience**.
- Avoid:
 - Revealing tank tops, crop tops
 - Skirts or dresses **above the knee**
 - Overly tight or inappropriate attire

- Any changes in selected costumes post-audition must be **approved by the Cultural Committee**.
 - The Committee reserves the **final say** on costume appropriateness.
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Stage Rehearsal & Event Day

- **Attendance at stage rehearsal is mandatory.**
 - Each group must:
 - **Check in 45 minutes before** their performance.
 - Be **backstage and ready 30 minutes before** the scheduled time.
 - The **event schedule is final**. No changes will be made, and delays will not be accommodated.
 - The Cultural Committee will assign performance slots based on audition outcomes and event logistics.
 - Check in using **Hum Sub mobile app** by choreographer or coordinator is required.
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Waiver & Registration

- All participants must use their **official names**.
 - Accurate information is **critical** due to online documentation.
 - New users must **register and sign a waiver** on the Hum Sub portal.
 - Returning users can **log in and apply** using their existing credentials.
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How to Apply

Submit your application via the **Hum Sub Portal** by **Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM**.

Cultural Committee

The Cultural Committee will:

- Oversee the **selection process**.
- Ensure **quality control, theme conformity, and guideline compliance**.
- Be available to advise and support participants.

For assistance, contact: cultural_programs@humsub.net

Let's make **Hum Sub Diwali 2025 – "Yaadein: Ek Suhana Safar"** an unforgettable celebration of memories, tradition, and talent!