

Diwali 2010 Participation Guidelines



REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 15

IANH CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1. Registrations will be accepted for group items only. Each participant can take part in only one group item. Solo items for the Diwali festival can be performed only upon invitation by the IANH cultural committee.
2. The minimum age of participants is 8 years.
3. IANH encourages a variety of items. Maximum allowed time for Bollywood dance is 5 minutes. Allowed time for other items like group music rendition, classical dance, skit, dance drama etc is 7-10 minutes. Entries exceeding the time limit will not be allowed.
4. IANH website will be set up for registering entries. The site will be open for registration on August 15th 2010 and registrations can be entered till August 31st, 2010. Unfortunately, no request will be entertained after that date.
5. Please send in details about the program with the name of the item, short description (about the dance/music or the author and story of skit/drama), approximate duration, teacher/choreographer's/ Director's name & telephone number, participants' names and their ages. It is important that you provide all the details about your item accurately without typos. Please upload only good quality music files in MP3 format when registering.
6. Please send in a sample video of your performance (upto 1 min clip) by email to cultural@ianh.org by September 2nd, 2010. This is for IANH to screen the entries and select the final list of performances. Entries without a sample video will not be considered for selection.
7. A maximum of 25 entries will be selected out of the total number of entries received. IANH cultural committee's decision is final.
8. The cultural committee will inform registrants if their entry is in the final list by September 10th, and give an approximate time slot for each selected item by September 30th. Requests to move the sequence of items will not be entertained.
9. Please do not make any final arrangements for your performance until your entry has been confirmed as selected.
10. Volunteering for IANH events is a noble act. Youth volunteers and parents, please indicate in the registration if you would be willing to volunteer. You could also send in independent entries for just volunteering, by mentioning so, in one of the 'notes' fields.

11. There is a participation fee of \$10 for each participant. Participation fee for IANH members is \$5 for each participant. Participation fee includes admission to the event, including Gharba. Please send your check for participation fee payable to IANH to Vandana Dhakar, Membership Secretary, 20 Chad Road, Manchester, NH 03104 ASAP after your entry has been accepted.
12. If you have any questions regarding the participation guidelines or the cultural program, please contact Chandana Srinivasan at chandana@ianh.org or Deepa Managalat at deepa@ianh.org
13. If you have any questions regarding your membership status, please contact Vandana Dhakar at dhakar@comcast.net. If you would like to become a member or renew your membership, please visit www.ianh.org and download the membership/renewal form and send it with your membership dues to the address on the form. Annual dues for family membership are \$15.