



GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN 2017 IFMP ANNUAL CULTURAL SHOW

Please refer to the following guidelines before you submit your entries. By following ALL the guidelines set forth by IFMP Cultural committee, you will be helping us organize this event efficiently. If you have any questions and/or concerns after reading this, please contact us.

Annual Cultural Program: Saturday, 9th December 2017 Time: 2:00pm – 8:00pm

Rehearsal Day: Wednesday, 6th December 2017 Time: 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Location: West Windsor Plainsboro High School North, 90 Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ

- All choreographers and participants must pay a participation fee. This year there is no requirement for participant's family or choreographers to be IFMP members. All participants pay a participation fee of \$15 per participant per dance item. Choreographers pay one time registration fee of \$50 for the dance school. The choreographers will collect this participation fees for all participants in their group. This fee will be used to cover the expenses that IFMP incurs on this show. Please note that the family members of such participants will have to buy tickets to the show. The ticket price for all attendees of the annual cultural show will be Adults: \$20; Students/Seniors: \$15; A vegetarian meal is included in the ticket price. There are no entry tickets without the food option.
- Minimum age for participant is **7 years**. Maximum – **None** as long as they can dance without hurting themselves. We don't want lawsuits :-)
- Minimum participants in a group should be **8**. IFMP still prefers to have at least 10 participants in a group, as it has been our experience that due to a modern larger stage, and with less number of participants the stage looks empty. There is no limit to maximum number of participants in a group.
- Maximum performance time per item will be **FIVE** minutes.
- To avoid repetition, we will not accept more than one entry having the same song. The items will be taken on a first come first serve basis. This will be true for medleys too. If you have a medley, please specify all the songs in the medley. No song can be repeated across different entries.
- As a general rule no participant (child or adult) will be permitted to participate in more than one item (a director of one item could be a participant in another item or an MC can be choreographer of an item). However, exceptions will be allowed on a case by case basis and as long as the participants pays the participation fee of \$15 for the second item they will be permitted to participate in more than one item.
- Participants must wear respectable costumes to participate. We encourage participants to wear colorful costumes.



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- All entries must be registered at [Register Dance Item Entry](#) by **Nov 24th, 2017**. **HAND DELIVERED ENTRIES TO OTHER COMMITTEE MEMEBERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **Please ensure that the music file (MP3) is uploaded as attachment alongwith the dance entry.** Also bring a backup CD with you during the program and Rehearsal day.
- IFMP cultural committee strongly suggests that each choreographer should provide at least 3 preferences of the songs that they would like to perform on to avoid duplicate entries.
- Choreographers/Coordinators are requested to attend periodic meetings and work together with the cultural Committee. The first series of these meetings will be scheduled in November and you all will be notified of the date in advance. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.
- **We would like all the choreographers to put their ad - either full page or half page in the booklet. This will not only help you promote your dance school but also allow the students to publish their group photos in the annual brochure to keep as souvenir in addition to helping organization which provides you all with a forum to showcase the talents of your students**

Please note that exceptions can be made to the above guidelines under special circumstances at the discretion of the cultural committee.

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