

Frequently asked Questions.

- What is the mission of this festival?

Mission of this event is to:

- Bring the Artist –(dancers and musicians) together to create a supporting community for each other.
- Provide a platform for budding Artist who can perform in setting of purely Classical stage and not part of other.
- Create a loving and supportive environment for students, where their creativity can thrive and they can dare to experiment.
- Provide an extended education and exposure through workshops, discussions and through innovative approaches towards learning.
- Build an elite community through workshops, demonstrations, performances who can appreciate the art form.

- Who should participate?

All levels are welcome. We welcome participants from age 4 and above. We have various categories to choose from. It can range from

young ones clapping to the rhythm of a song to very technical performing complex Bandish or Bhav. There is something for everyone.

- Is there an entrance fee?

There will be entrance fee to compete. The evening performance is open to public. Bring your friends, families, neighbors, grandparents for fun filled educational event.

- What are categories to participate?

Each category can have participants of every level.

Tatkar:

Chakkar:

Padhant:

Lahera Singing:

Taal (recitation of Bol)

Tihai:

Gat:

Mudra:

Toda:

Variations of Padanyas (footwork):

Vandana:

Theory:

Shloka(Recitation):

Games on theory, mythology (Jeopardy) – make teams.

Choreograph dance on a subject Using elements of dance or certain Mudra, certain rhythm etc in teams -

- Are there various levels of participation?

Yes, we will have Pre-Beginners, Beginners, Intermediate, Advance levels.

Pre-Beginners are ages 4-6yrs who might not have ant training but has a talent and a focus.

This would be an opportunity to identify the talent in various rhythmic and musical setting.

You can identify if you want to explore the talent further.

Beginners are 6-10yrs. Range from 0-2 yrs of experience.

Area you want to explore further.

- Is there a performance I can see?

Yes, In the evening there will be a performance. Each participating school will perform.

- Who else is going to perform besides Kathak?

There will be Hindustani vocal, Tabla, Sitar, Sarod players will perform.

- Will there be prizes for the participants?

The winners will get the prize, all the participants will get certificate through academy.

- Is it a fun event or an academic event?

Through fun you will learn a lot about the arts.

- How much Kathak I have to know to participate?

You can choose your level according to the criteria mentioned for each category of competition.

- I am just interested in watching and learning more about it. Is it for me?

Of course, The day time event – competitions will be educational, it will help you understand what is important and what to look for

When you see the dance or listen to music or go for a vocal concert.

- Is it a free event?

It is free for the general public. It is to enhance the awareness about Kathak dance and and Classical music of India.

- Is there a fee to participate?

Yes, Pre Beginner, Beginner is \$10. Intermediate - \$15 and Advance level is \$20.

You can enter more than one categories for competition for extra \$5.

- What is Kathak?

It is a North Indian classical dance style. The two main aspects of this style are Rhythm and Expression.

- Does Kathak have an Arangetram as Bharat Natyam has?

Kathak has a formal structure of learning or a syllabus which one can follow or complete. Some Universities in India

has comparable courses like Madhyama, Visharad, Alankar etc. Though the teaching methods and curriculum of these exams are under

consideration. Teaching methodologies and curriculum has to be revised to teach outside of India due to the cultural difference.

- What do I perform when I participate?

You can choose your dances, it has to be within the frame work of rules given for performance.

- Do you have guidelines for each category?

Yes, we will have evaluation criteria for each category.

- Can I participate in more than one category?

Yes, you may with extra \$5.

- Will media cover me?

We are planning to contact them. We are trying to invite the local News paper, announce on radio, TV etc.

Will there be food and fun?

Will I have sound system or I have to provide my own?

We will provide the sounds systems, lights.