

YOUTHSAVA 2022 RULES

Youthsava is India Community Center's signature youth dance competition, named for the Sanskrit word *uthsava*, meaning celebration, and youth. This mission centric celebration in dance and music provides youth participants the opportunity to engage with Indian culture, showcase their commitment to dance, and define what it means to be Indian American for them and their generation. Every year, approximately 1000 youth perform nearly 100 dance routines to an audience of more than 3000 throughout the 12-hour competition.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Registration: Available online ONLY at <https://www.indiacc.org/event/youthsava-2022/>

Registration Deadline: Friday April 15th, 2022 11:59 pm.

Music Deadline: Wednesday April 15th, 2022.

Set Prop/Decoration Drop-off: Friday, April 22nd, 2022 between 10.00 am and 5:00pm.

SMALL HAND HELD PROPS DO NOT NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF. PLEASE BRING IT ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

Fee: \$140 for each competitive performance category in an age class. Fee includes admission for one director, one assistant, and the dance troupe. Dancers performing in multiple performance categories will receive only one admission. Fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Registrations are considered on a first come first serve basis. India Community Center reserves the right to reject applications that do not meet the selection criteria. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE PROCESSED IF YOU CANCEL YOUR TEAM WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE EVENT DATE.**

Tickets for spectators can be purchased online

Please click link to buy tickets

<https://www.indiacc.org/event/youthsava-2022/>

Online Tickets sales ends on April 15th at 11:59 pm

April 24th At Door Ticket Price:

Adult \$30 and Child \$15

Each DANCE SCHOOL will receive ONE COMPLIMENTARY DIRECTOR TICKET AND ONE COMPLIMENTARY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TICKET.

FOR EXAMPLE : If you have multiple teams in multiple categories you will NOT be given tickets for each category. Any additional Helper parents who are assisting backstage or in the green room MUST PURCHASE their own tickets. Admission is validated with wrist bands.

COVID PROTOCOLS :-

- ONLY FULLY VACCINATED PERSONS CAN ENTER ICC PREMISES
- PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE CHECKED AT ENTRANCE
- TEMPERATURE WILL BE CHECKED AT ENTRANCE
- MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES (Except Dancers while performing)

- ICC reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone not adhering to Covid Protocols

Food and beverages can be bought on premises, but will not be allowed inside the Malavalli Hall. For your safety and the safety of all persons on ICC premises, please eat or drink at the designated area or outside the building.

Changes and late entries: No late entries or music will be accepted. **NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE AFTER APRIL 15th 2022 for Music.** Please check your registration and schedule very closely prior to the event and notify ICC staff immediately of any mistakes or changes.

Director: Anyone one can form a group and participate in the contest. Please identify one person as "director" to serve as the group contact person. A director may have two or more groups compete in the same Performance Category in an Age Class, but it is not recommended.

Dancer: A dancer may perform in more than one Performance Category, but it is not recommended. A dancer can only perform in one group per Performance Category. Dancer's full name and birthdate must be provided at the time of registration. Each dancer must submit an ICC Photo Release and Liability Waiver signed by a Parent/legal guardian at the time of check-in.

EVENT INFORMATION

Date and Time: Sunday, APRIL 24th, 2022 from 9am-9pm.

Venue: India Community Center, 525 Los Coches Street, Milpitas, California

India Community Center, Inc. (ICC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Indo-American and greater bay area community by promoting Indian culture through social, cultural, recreational and community programs. As a non-religious and non-political organization, ICC is a place where the community can unite, serve and celebrate Indian culture. ICC welcomes all without regard to racial, ethnic, regional, religious, political or socio-economic background.

Performance Length: Performance cannot exceed seven (7) minutes.

Good Taste: Choreography, performance themes, props and costumes must be socially acceptable and in good taste as determined by India Community Center staff in their sole discretion. No vulgarities or obscenities are allowed. Immediate disqualification will result in such occurrence.

Reporting Time: Groups are expected to report one (1) hour before their scheduled reporting time. Timings will be e-mailed out once the registration closes and line up is confirmed.

Stage Lighting: Full wash at all times. No special effects.

Stage Dimensions: 25 feet wide X 24 feet deep

OFFICIAL YOUTHSAVA CONTEST RULES

All participants must honor these rules. Violations will be grounds for penalties or disqualification from the contest.

Dance groups may be disqualified before, during or after their performance, if found to be in violation of India Community Center policies or Youthsava contest rules.

Rules may be changed without notice at the discretion of India Community Center. Interpretations of the rules are solely at the discretion of India Community Center.

Performance Divisions:

NO SOLO PERFORMANCES ALLOWED.

Competitive Group: Dancers between the ages of 4 and 18 years of age. **Groups must have a minimum of 4 dancers, but no more than 10* dancers.**

***Limiting this year due to COVID.**

Adult Category Semi Classical Group Fusion Minimum of 4 dancers but no more than 10 dancers.

Age Classes

Sub-Junior Category: 4 to 8 years of age*

Junior Category: 9 to 13 years of age*

Senior Category: 14 to 18 years of age*

NEW Adults Category: 18 years and above *

* Dancers age as of January 1, 2022

Age Exception: Teams may have no more than two dancers who are 11 months older or younger than the stated age range. This exception can be utilized if the addition of the dancer is critical to the choreography or supports inclusion by allowing a dancer to perform at their appropriate skill level. IT IS AN EXCEPTION and NOT AN OPTION! The judges may deduct points or disqualify a team for misuse of the age exception.

Birthdate verification: India Community Center does not require birth certificates. In providing the birthdates of the dancers, the director is attesting to their accuracy. However, if it is brought to the attention of ICC staff that the stated birthdate of a dancer has been incorrectly reported, ICC may disqualify the entire team.

Performance Categories

A category MUST have a minimum of 3 entries to be in the competition. If less than 3 teams, then the groups will be changed to the Non-Competitive Showcase division or the category will be canceled/shifted to another category.

Film category: Dance performance to a song from Indian Cinema. The song cannot be a remixed version. Contemporary songs and songs from private albums and/or remix albums will not be allowed in the film category.

Folk category: Dance performance in South Asia folk or tribal costume to a song with folk beats in any language. Use of film songs in this category is discouraged.

Remix category: Dance performance to a remixed version of a song from Indian Cinema or create your own medley of songs, not exceed seven minutes.

Director's Choice: This is an open category, that lets the directors share their vision and inspiration. The dance directors will be given a choice of 3 themes. All dance performances will be based on one of the given themes. This category gives the dance directors freedom to choose the style of music as they consider appropriate. For this category ONLY, age classes can be combined- Each group can have a maximum of 10 dancers, age 4 years to 18 years.

Themes for 2022

Indian Mythology

Pandemic

Five Elements- Earth, Water, Air, Fire, Ether

Performances will be judged on how well the theme has been interpreted by the director. First and Second prize will be awarded in the category. All other rules regarding music, props, adjudication etc apply here.

COMPETITIVE CATEGORY: Semi-classical contemporary Fusion

YOUTH NEW(10-17 years), ADULTS ONLY (18+ years) – Semi-Classical Dance Fusion Category

In this category we would like to open up the stage to the rich classical/ semi-classical dance tradition of India. With the classical dances of India as base, directors are free to incorporate different dance styles to create a new aesthetic.

The language for the music track is not limited to Hindi- you are free to choose any regional Indian or foreign language like English/ Spanish etc or a blend thereof.

Music

Song Selection: No song can be repeated in a performance category. Directors will be notified if they do not get their first choice song, and be given the opportunity to choose a new song that has not already been selected. Song selection is on a first come, first served basis.

Format: Directors must provide the music via [Dropbox](#). The link for the same will be sent to you once we have received your team registration. **Directors are required to bring the music on their smartphone as backup on the day of competition** in the event of a failure of the submitted original. Only ICC Staff are allowed near the sound booth during performances.

Props

Hand Props are permitted, such as parasols, fans, small diyas (no live fire) tambourine, raas sticks, hats, musical instruments, or scarfs. Simulated weapons with dull, safe edges are permissible.

Set props/decorations are permissible if it is essential to the routine and approved by India Community Center. ICC staff will review and approve props at time of drop-off on Friday, April 22nd, 2022 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. In case of any doubt or question, do not hesitate to contact us at youthprograms@indiacc.org or (408) 934-1130 Ext 225 prior to the drop off date.

***Dimensions do not exceed 40" x 40" x 70"**

***Weight does not exceed 40lbs.**

*Does not require being plugged in to an electrical outlet.

Set-up and teardown of all props used is limited to one minute or less. The dance director and one additional adult may assist with prop set-up and teardown.

NO ADDITIONAL ADULTS WILL BE ALLOWED. India Community Center will provide one Stage Assistant to assist the dance director as needed.

No scenery or architectural elements. NO scenery, backdrops,(pinned on to the back curtain) architectural façades, architectural elements, EXTRA large format images whether free standing or require the use of theater fly bars may be used.

No heavy or awkward props. Regardless of dimension or weight, oversized props that cannot easily or safely enter the green room or require the assistance of more than one adult to carry and position on stage may not be used.

Additional prop restrictions.

No items may be thrown or shot off the front of the stage.

*No use of glitter, confetti, dry flowers, or similar materials. Fresh flowers without thorns are permitted.

*No helium balloons are permitted.

*No fog, smoke, or open flame.

*No dancer or live animal may be used as a prop.

Adjudication

- **A panel of at least three to four qualified, competent judges will judge all performances and all decisions of the judges are final. Scores are based on the following criteria:**
- **Entry/Opening**
- **Creativity of Choreography**
- **Difficulty of Choreography**
- **Synchronization and Timing**
- **Overall Effect**
- **Expressions and Lip Sync**
- **Formations/Spacing (use of stage)**
- **Grace/Flow of Dance**
- **Costume**
- **Exit/End**
- **No audience members will be allowed to sit in front of the judging area.**
- **No dance director, dancer, or parent will question a judge decision. (this will result in immediate disqualification of the team)**

Awards

First and Second place awards will be given to the top three scoring team in each Performance Category in each Age Class.

Awards will be distributed after all the performance categories in a single age class have performed.

Photography/Video

India Community Center will have at least one professional photographer at Youthsava. Images will be available for download for personal use ONLY from India Community Center's Flickr site.

You are welcome to take photographs, however **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY**. This rule will be strictly enforced, as it is extremely distracting and hazardous to the dancers.

No tripod, monopods, or "selfie sticks" are allowed in the auditorium.

Parents are allowed to videotape or take pictures, without the use of tripod or selfie sticks. A professional DVD will NOT be made for the event.

No video recording or photography for commercial purposes is allowed without prior consent of India Community Center.

Behavior Expectations

India Community Center is a public space utilized by many guests and programs. Guests and program participants are expected to behave with courtesy and respect to others. Behavior that is disruptive, threatening, abusive, bothersome or questionable in any way will not be tolerated. Individuals who persist in such conduct will be asked to leave the Community Center.

Good sportsmanship is expected from all dancers, parents, and directors. Failure to display such conduct may result in disqualification.

For the safety of all, hallways, aisles and walkways must remain clear at all times. No guest or program participant may stand or sit in an aisle/walkway or stand on a chair in the auditorium.

Specific areas/rooms have been designated for Youthsava program participants. Prop storage, dressing, and rehearsals are limited to designated areas. The Fitness/Gym area (including restrooms) is off-limits to all Youthsava program participants.

The name of the dance group/ school may not be displayed in any form on the stage at any time.

Directors/ assistants/ parents may not walk onto the stage wearing clothing that has the name of the school or its logo printed on it.

Disclaimer:

Participants recognize the risks of physical injury inherent in dance and dance performances and are willing to assume those risks. India Community Center is not responsible for any injury to participants, which may result from their participation in the contest.

All decorations, equipment, clothing, jewelry, and items of a personal nature are the responsibility of the dance director and dancers. India Community Center is not responsible for any damage or loss of these items.

Team Check in : When you arrive on the day of the event please check in at the KC room for your team packets and certificates. We will be passing packets ONLY to Dance Directors (parents will not be allowed to pick up packets or check in teams unless we have been informed)

Please turn in Media release and consent forms as per their respective groups...A COMPLETE TEAM PACKET no single forms.

PLEASE READ ALL HOUSE RULES FOR ICC YOUTHSAVA 2022 KINDLY PASS IT ALONG TO YOUR RESPECTIVE GROUPS AND PARENTS

1. WRIST BANDS ARE REQUIRED at all times for entry into the Main Hall.
2. Food & Drinks are NOT allowed inside the Auditorium.
3. Avoid going in and out of the hall during a performance.
4. Do not go near the judges or the tabulation tables. You don't want your team to be disqualified!
5. PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE GREEN ROOM AND BACKSTAGE AREA.

6. Take photographs, make videos but Tripods or Selfie sticks are NOT allowed. You will be asked to remove them immediately. Please be respectful of the people watching the performance behind you.
7. Food, Tea, and Water are available for purchase in the lobby.
8. Drinking Water is available in every room. First Aid is available at the Front Desk & at the ICC Summer Camps Booth.
9. We strongly encourage you to cheer the teams but please DO NOT shout out the Dance Company or the Director's name. THIS WILL DISQUALIFY THE TEAM.
10. Parents, please make sure the kids are not left unattended or are running around at any time in the auditorium or in the building.
11. ICC is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
12. PARKING: Please DO NOT Park in RESERVED SPOTS, ALLIANCE CHURCH & WESTROCK PARKING LOTS. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

ROOM ALLOCATION

(Room allocation is subject to change)

ROOM 2: ALL TEAM PROPS & STORAGE

**ROOM 3: BOYS CHANGING ROOM
No Girls/Women Allowed**

**KAMALA CHARI ROOM: GIRLS CHANGING ROOM
No Boys/Men Allowed**

ROOM 4: COMMON ROOM

(Boys & Girls)

**ROOM 5 & 6: COMMON ROOM
(Boys & Girls)**

FITNESS AREA- NO YOUTHSAVA PARTICIPANTS ALLOWED