



2021

Dear Ganesh Devotees,

Ganapati Bappa Morya!!!

We are reaching out to you on behalf of the Procession Committee for the **17th year celebration of the “Philadelphia Ganesh Festival” (PGF). We would like to invite Indian Associations, Youth groups, Balviharas, Dance groups in Greater Philadelphia Area to submit a proposal to perform dance during these 2 procession events**

The Philadelphia Ganesh Festival is known for Procession dance performances by Children/ Adults on the first and last days of the festival. You must have witnessed these fantastic and enthusiastic performances over the past 16 years. Many PGF procession video clips are available on YouTube. .

The concept

The concept of performing dance during the Arrival procession is to **Welcome Lord Ganesha to our temple and our lives** during this 11-day festival. The concept of performing dance in Immersion (Visarjan) Procession is to **bid a happy and thankful farewell to Lord Ganesha** with a sincere appeal to HIM to come back early next year.

Procession Dates for 2021:

(1) Ganesh Arrival Procession (First Day) is on Friday, September 10th 2021

(2) Ganesh Immersion Procession (Last Day) is on Sunday, September 19th 2021

We have established the following guidelines for this year's procession performance to manage procession time effectively:

Guidelines:

1. Submit your entries by **August 15 2021** using the following link:
www.PhiladelphiaGaneshFestival.org
2. Also, email (Please write PGF 2021 Procession Entry in subject line of your email) your entry to pgfprocessionteam@gmail.com AND PGFcoreteam@gmail.com
3. Only entries received by **August 8th, 2021** may be printed in PGF Boucher

4. We encourage and welcome performance entries from all age groups (Children, Adults, Senior Citizens) but preference will be given to performances by Children.
5. All the entries will be collected by the procession committee and will be given appropriate available spots on one of the days to perform.
6. In case of overwhelming response i.e. we get more number of entries than available spots, the entries will be selected based on a lottery system. All group coordinators are encouraged to attend the lottery draw which will be communicated later.
7. **Minimum no. of participants is 8 per group & maximum is ~20 per group.**
8. We will be playing these songs on the temple premises, so please make sure your song selection is appropriate for that setup and has a religious meaning to it. We encourage you to **select Ganapati Bappa or devotional songs of any other Hindu deity only. We strongly discourage Bollywood songs that are not related to any Hindu religious celebrations.**
9. **Maximum length of the song should be 4 minutes.**
10. If there is a duplication of songs, the first two entries will get a chance to keep the song & other group(s) will be asked to change their song.
11. If we get too many entries then we may request you to merge with the other groups based on certain criteria,
12. Participation in Philadelphia Ganesh Festival Procession is FREE of any charge and open to ALL.
13. Each group will typically perform in one procession only (either on First or on Last Day). However, if we have some open slots on either day, we may accept some groups for both processions. Please therefore specify your choice of procession as “**Sept 10th** or “**Sept 19th**” or “**BOTH**” when submitting the procession entry.
14. The Procession committee reserves the right to deny the entry if it is deemed inappropriate or not fulfilling the criteria listed above. Procession committee reserves the right to sequence the dances in the procession at its sole discretion.
15. In order to be fair and accommodative, the PGF procession committee will try to offer you to perform at some different PGF event if a particular entry doesn't get selected in the lottery draw.
16. **One individual is allowed to participate in ONLY ONE Performance.**
17. **If your group is selected via lottery system, you will be required to submit the song in MP3 format (length 4 mins or less) at pgfprocessionteam@gmail.com within FIVE days for final acceptance.** No groups shall be permitted to perform if they fail to

submit dance songs selected for the performance, in MP3 format within five days after the selection.

Please visit www.PhiladelphiaGaneshFestival.org for updated information.

If you have any questions then please reach out to us at pgfprocessionteam@gmail.com

Warm Regards,

PGF 2021 Procession Committee