

America's First and Largest 10-Day Public Ganesh Festival

फिलाडेल्फिया गणेश फेस्टिवल, १५वाँ वर्ष Monday, Sept 2 - Thursday, Sept 12, 2019

Participating & Supporting Organizations

Philadelphia Marathi Mandal, Plymouth Balvihar, Indo-American Club, Telugu Association, TANA, Philadelphia Telangana Association, Bharatiya Vidyalaya, Bharatiya Cultural Center, SRUTI, UP Association of Greater Philadelphia, Gujarati Samaj of Delaware Valley, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, Sewa International, Navodaya Kannada Koota, Tamil Association, North South Foundation, SEWAA, North America Telugu Society (NATS), Anirban Bangladesh Hindu Society, Param Rajasthani Association

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Dear Devotees.

Namaskar! Ganapati Bappa Moraya!!

Philadelphia Ganesh Festival's first ever, All Women Core Team would like to cordially welcome you all to the most eagerly awaited event in Philadelphia's Indian Community. We are pleased to present this electronic (PDF) version of festival's invite to you and your family. To continue our Go Green Initiative from last year, we decided not to print the hard copy version of this Wargani letter any more. One advantage of PDF version is that you can easily share it with your friends and family through Social Media.

We will be celebrating the 15th year of the award winning Philadelphia Ganesh Festival (PGF) at Bharatiya Temple this year from September 2nd to 12th. With Lord Ganesha's blessings, we finalized religious and cultural programs for all 11 days. You will find brief program information also in this invite. You are most graciously invited to join us every day of the festival and enjoy Bappa's Aarti, blessings, delicious Mahaprasad, world class music & dance programs performed as a service to Lord Ganesha.

As you know, our Ganesh Festival is a Sarvajanik (Public) Ganesh Festival, meaning all devotees contribute to the best of their abilities by donating money, food, and time to make every year's festival a grand success. Your Wargani (monetary contributions) sustains this festival in a big way. Your continued support by donating online is requested. Following pages in this invite, will show you how to easily donate online from Festival's or temple's website using credit/debit card. Please support this Green Initiative.

Philadelphia Ganesh Festival started few new Go Green Initiatives. Last year we used bio-sourced, bio-degradable Mahaprasad plates during the entire Ganesh Festival celebrations. Also Lord Ganesh murti was made of paper pulp and painted with non-toxic colors so the murti dissolves in water within 8 hours in an eco-friendly manner. We are looking for few kind devotees who would want to donate and sponsor these initiatives.

During next few weeks, we will reach out to you for donations and help through calls, festival brochure etc.

Program updates will be provided at Festival's website www.PhiladelphiaGaneshFestival.org. Please visit the website frequently for updates on Festival's progress as well.

We look forward to welcoming you every day of the festival to receive Ganapati Bappa's blessings.

- Mrs. Neeta Sharma, Mrs. Gautami Joglekar, Mrs Harshada Pendharkar & Dr. Neelima Kute

PGF 2019 Cultural & Religious Programs At A Glance

Utsay Murti photo opportunity every night from 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

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Kathak -Tad **Bharatam** by **Nirupama** Rajendra

Shankari Krishnan

Carnatic Vocal



SEPT 03, Tue @ 8:00pm

Ardhanareeswaram

by Guru Dr. Vempati Chinna Satyam

SEPT 02, MON @ 8:30pm



SEPT 04, Wed @ 8:00pm

Hindustani Classical

Pt. Rahul **Deshpande**

SEPT 05, Thur @ 8:00pm

Punjabi Orchestra



SEPT 06, Fri @ 8:00pm

Support-A-Child by Aditi Bhagwat (Outdoors)



SEPT 07, Sat @ 12:00pm

Nandesh Umap (PMM)



SEPT 07, Sat @ 2:00pm

Anirban (Bengali Orchestra) Rhythm-Spec (Outdoors)



SEPT 07, Sat @ 3:00pm

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SEPT 07, Sat @ 8:00pm



SEPT 08, Sun @ 12:00pm

Kuchipudi Ballet Rukmini Kalyanam



SEPT 08, Sun @ 3:00pm



Dr. Jagdish Trivedi Hasya Kalakar (Outdoors)

SEPT 08, Sun @ 3:00pm

Mahesh Lad Orchestra



SEPT 08, Sun @ 8:00pm

Sax Jugalband



SEPT 09, Mon @ 8:00pm

Puja Goswami Ghazal



SEPT 10, Tue @ 8:00pm

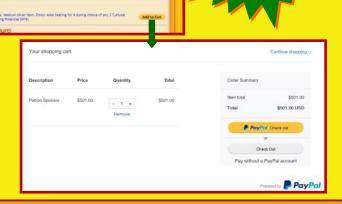
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SEPT 11, Wed @ 8:00pm

Festival & Religious Sponsorship Online Payment Instructions





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Ganesh Havan Sept 2 : 4:00 pm Ganesh Abhishek Sept 7 : 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Ganesh Procession
Sept 2: 5:30 pm Arrival
Sept 8: 12:30 pm
Sept 12: 5:30 pm Farewell



Sangeet/Nritya Seva for Ganesha Every Evening: 5:00 pm 30 min



Abhishek, Alankar & Aarti for Mool Murty Ganesh Daily: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Atharvashirsha
Every Evening: 5:30 pm
Avadharya, Rajopachar & Aarti
Every Evening: 6:00 pm



1001 Atharvashirsha Recitation Sept 7, Saturday : 4:00 pm

Jyestha Kanishtha Gauri Pujan ज्येष्ठा कनिष्ठा गौरी (महालक्ष्मी) पूजन



Arrival

Thursday, Sept 5, 2019, 5:00 pm Anuradha Nakshatram

Pujan

Friday, Sept 6, 2019, 5:00 pm Jyeshta Nakshatram

Visarjan

Saturday, Sept 7, 2019, 5:00 pm Moola Nakshatram

PGF 2019 Religious Programs

श्री गणेश सुगंधित जल महाभिषेक



Extending a cordial invitation with the request to grace the Mahabhishek with your presence and participation

Sugandhit Jal (Fragrant Holy Water)

Mahabhishek

Bhadrapad Shukla Navami, Shalivahan Shaka 1941 Saturday, September 7, 2019

9:00am onwards @ Bharatiya Temple

Traditional Indian attire is suggested. We welcome home made Prasad offerings.

RSVP: Mallik B, 267-549-5848

Sponsorship information: PGF Website

श्री गणेश सिद्धी बुद्धी विवाह

Extending a cordial invitation with the request to grace the happy occasion of Kalyanam (Vivah) of



Sri Mayureshwar (Ganesha)

Son of Lord Shiva and Mata Parvati





Goddess Siddhi & Buddhi

Daughters of Lord Brahma & Saraswati

Bhadrapad Shukla Dashami, Shalivahan Shaka 1941 Sunday, September 8, 2019 10:00am onwards @ Bharatiya Temple

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India Fest







2 Days **Sept 7 - 8**

- **India Fest Attractions**
- MUDRA Dance Festival
- Kuchipudi Ballet
- Bengali Orchestra
- Gujarati Comedy Show
- Lavani Dance
- Authentic Indian Food Stalls
- FREE Entry, Parking & **Shuttle Service**







Parking Information

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THIS YEAR NO PARKING ON KINGSTON WAY & IN MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Temple Parking**
 - Paid parking only 20 slots First-come, First-serve \$151 for 12 days
 - Limited preferential parking (FREE) will be available on First-come, First-serve basis for senior citizens over 75 years old driving their own vehicle with valid Photo ID/Driver's License
- Additional Parking
 - **Parking at PMI**
 - Shuttles run EVERY DAY from PMI

On Mon, Sep 2 & Thur, Sept 12 - Shuttle runs every 10 Min during rush hours

Parking Contact:

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