

APPLICATION PACKET
2018 - 2019

MARYLAND
MINZA





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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Prospective Team,

The Maryland Minza Executive Board is ecstatic to welcome you to Maryland Minza 2019! As the first Bollywood-Fusion competition in the state of Maryland, we are honored to announce that we are a bid for **Legends Bollywood Dance Championship** and a partner for **Bollywood America**! The entire Minza Executive Board has been working hard to ensure that it will be an unforgettable weekend. This season our competition is scheduled to be on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 6 P.M.** at the **Cultural Arts Center of Montgomery College** in Silver Spring, Maryland.

For the **Early/Late Deadline Application**, your team should submit the following:

- Team Information - https://go.umd.edu/minza_team_application
- Audition Video
- Supplemental Pieces (optional)
 - Performance Video
 - Writing Supplement
- Application Fee

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Registration Chairs, **Kunal Dharmadhikari and Sharon Puthumana**, at mminzareg@gmail.com and marylandminza@gmail.com, or via phone at (240) 750-5486 and (443) 537-7766.

We look forward to viewing your application, and we appreciate your interest in Maryland Minza 2019!

Sincerely,

Kunal Dharmadhikari & Sharon Puthumana

Registration Chairs 2018-2019

Maryland Minza Executive Board

Vaidehi Bhagat & Sydni Thomas

Directors 2018-2019

Maryland Minza Executive Board



COMPETITION FORMAT



- Eight teams from across the nation will be selected to compete.
- Each team will showcase their interpretation of the South-Asian bollywood fusion dance style, which is composed of many different dance types such as Bollywood, Bhangra, Hip Hop, Bharatanatyam, etc.
- Each team will be given a total of 10 minutes of stage time, which includes 1 minute for intro video/set-up and a 6 minute minimum for performance.
- Each team is required to weave a theme or story throughout their routine. This may range anywhere from a movie, to a social issue, to an entirely made up story.
- Each team is required to have a introduction video to precede their routine which must also fit within their allotted time limit of 10 minutes. Disregarding the time limit will result in a penalty in their overall score.
- At the end of the competition, after judges' deliberation, the top three teams will be announced.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 22	Saturday, February 23	Sunday, February 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Arrival & Registration • Dinner • Official Mixer • Practice Time (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Props set-up • Breakfast • Pre-Stage Rehearsal • Stage Rehearsal • Competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Final Thank You • Team Departure

APPLICATION PROCESS

Part 1: Fill out the application -

https://go.umd.edu/minza_team_application

- Team information
- Upload google folder link with the following:
 - Audition video
 - Supplemental performance video within the past year (optional)
 - Writing Supplement (optional)

Part 2: Registration fee

- Non-refundable
- Pay via:
 - Venmo: @MarylandMinza
 - Paypal: Maryland Minza or mminzareg@gmail.com
 - Check
 - Payable to: Maryland Minza
 - Memo: Your Team Name
 - Mailed to:
Kunal Dharmadhikari
4250 Lehigh Road 1400C,
College Park, MD 20740

DEADLINE	DATE	APPLICATION FEE
Early	November 11, 2018 11:59 PM EST	\$65
Late	November 25, 2018 11:59 PM EST	\$75

**BOTH PARTS OF REGISTRATION
MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE
RESPECTIVE EARLY AND LATE
DEADLINES IN ORDER TO BE
ELIGIBLE.**





AUDITION VIDEO GUIDELINES

- The audition video must be 2-4 minutes long and must be one continuous take from a fixed angle with good visual and sound quality.
- All dancers must be visible in frame at all times.
- At least 75% of the competing team members must be present in the audition video.
- Stunts, gimmicks, tricks, and props are NOT allowed.
- Any reference to a team or university, including, but not limited to, clothes, banners, or markers, will cause disqualification.
- The audition mix must be overlaid as the only audio in the submission. Additionally, any overlaid text is prohibited.
- Performers should be color coordinated in non-school colors.
- The routine performed in the audition video must be representative of the routine that is to be performed at Maryland Minza 2019.

SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES

- The supplemental portion will be considered an extension of your audition video.
- A performance video (competition or non-competition performance) from less than a year prior to registration may be sent as a supplement to the audition video, but not as a replacement.
- The supplemental video must be 1-2 minutes long.
- Writing Supplement (optional)
 - Explanation to inform the executive board what they believe the performance video shows and how it adds to the overall application.
 - The explanation cannot exceed 250 words.



TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- Teams must have a minimum of 10 dancers and cannot have more than 22 members (includes dancers and non-dancers).
- For University affiliated teams:
 - At least 75% of the team must be currently enrolled students at the university they are representing.
 - The remaining 25% can be alumni or community members.

TEAM ACCEPTANCE

After the application period has ended, the Maryland Minza Executive Board will review all audition materials from eligible teams and select 8 of the teams. Teams will be notified of their acceptance/rejection or waitlist status by **December 2nd, 2018**.

If your team is **accepted**, you must confirm your spot within **72 hours** of notification. Once confirmed, your team will receive the Registration Acceptance Packet and will be responsible for paying registration fees for each roster member by **December 16th, 2018**. Further information regarding competition requirements and performance deadlines will be included in the Registration Acceptance Packet.

If your team is **waitlisted** and an accepted team declines, drops, or is disqualified, you will be notified immediately and given **72 hours** to confirm your spot. However, earlier notification of your status will be appreciated.



FINAL CHECKLIST

- ___ Online application form completed - https://go.umd.edu/minza_team_application
- ___ Google folder link attached
 - Audition Video
 - Supplemental Video (optional)
 - Writing Supplement (optional)
- ___ Registration fee paid
 - \$65 Early Application Fee
 - \$75 Late Application Fee

Thank you for your
interest!

Maryland Minza | February 23rd, 2019