



bhangra *in the* burgh

REGISTRATION 2015





welcome

Dear Prospective Bhangra Team,

The Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh is proud to present our annual Bhangra Competition on Saturday, November 7th, 2015 at Soldiers and Sailors Museum and Memorial Auditorium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Bhangra in the Burgh is a platform for top Bhangra teams from across the nation to showcase their talent in a colorful exhibition of the energy and excitement that Bhangra represents. Since our first competition in 2007, Bhangra in the Burgh has grown exponentially and currently stands as the largest student-run event in Pittsburgh. Over the past seven years, Bhangra in the Burgh has successfully attracted a sold-out crowd of 2,500 each year and raised a total of over \$75,000 for charity. With Bhangra in the Burgh 9, we hope to raise a substantial amount for our charity, the Pittsburgh Promise.

Please complete the following application and ensure that all supporting materials (registration payment, audition video, team photo and logo) are included, by 11:59pm on Friday, September 11th, 2015. Once we receive your application materials, we will send you a link to upload your video to our Dropbox. Applications received after the above-mentioned time shall not be considered for participation. Please contact us by Monday, August 24th, 2015 if you require an extension due to extenuating circumstances.

After receiving your application materials, we shall notify your team's primary contact of your participation status no later than Monday, September 14th, 2015. You will have 24 hours to confirm your participation in the event.

Thank you for your interest in Bhangra in the Burgh 9. More information about the venue, the committee, and the event shall be online soon at www.bhangraintheburgh.org. In the meantime, feel free to contact us at bangraintheburgh@gmail.com

We look forward to your application, and hope to see you on November 7th, 2015!

Best Regards,
Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board



about us

Bhangra in the Burgh

The Bhangra in the Burgh Executive Board takes pride in hosting another successful Bhangra in the Burgh in November 2015! Our objective is to expand the outreach of the competition and showcase the culture, zest, and energy of Bhangra. Being a part of a multicultural community like Pittsburgh, we are very excited that our efforts can also raise funds for The Pittsburgh Promise, a local charity. After having hosted eight enormously successful shows, we invite you to an even bigger and better Bhangra in the Burgh!

Mayur SASA

Mayur SASA, Carnegie Mellon's largest South Asian organization, is a highly active, student organization that sponsors and organizes various social and cultural activities for students. Mayur SASA reaches to not only the South Asian community, but also strives to promote unity, diversity, and interest in the South Asian cultures. The organization's events cater to a variety of interests and motivations and thus attempt to attract all of the student body. In an effort to extend its cultural influence outside of the Carnegie Mellon community, Mayur SASA works closely with the Bhangra in the Burgh Executive Board to achieve its vision.

Philanthropy

Since its founding, "The Pittsburgh Promise has sought to promote academic success and encourage students and their communities to dream big and work hard toward high aspirations and hope. It aspires to replace the deadly culture of low expectations that often permeates urban schools with the belief that inside every child is a promise, and with the appropriate care, effort, and needed resources, that promise will undoubtedly be fulfilled." To date, The Promise, has funded over 64 million dollars in scholarship money. Their efforts have shown visible effects on the city of Pittsburgh as the city's post-secondary education enrollment with two years of high school graduation has increased by 10%.

The values and goals of The Pittsburgh Promise are near and dear to the Bhangra in the Burgh Executive Committee. We are honored to be given the opportunity to support such a tremendous organization.



application, selection & notification

Registration Deadline

11:59 pm on September 11th, 2015

Application Requirements

1. Submit the Basic Information Section. Be sure to accurately list all team members' names, phone numbers, position, T-Shirt size, and dietary restrictions. Also it is required that you submit a captain's email or team email that can be used as the primary method of communication with your team. On the day of the competition, all members will be asked for valid photo IDs (school ID's are acceptable) matching the names listed.
2. Submit an audition video no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes of your team's routine. Your team's video must be taped after April 1st, 2015. Only videos including at least 75% of the submitted roster will be accepted. All videos must be continuous (no edits). Only one prop segment is permitted. Tech-time rehearsal videos are permitted. No costumes or lighting effects are permitted in the videos.
3. You will asked to submit this video after we receive your application packet. We will confirm submission of your application packet and then send you a link to our Google Drive where you should upload your video. This is required. We will email you with a confirmation once we receive your video.
4. Submit a team photo and logo.
5. Submit the application fee of \$60 by a check postmarked by September 25th, 2015. This fee will not be refunded under any circumstances. (Note: If your team is accepted to compete in Bhangra in the Burgh 9, you will additionally be required to submit a post-registration fee of \$25 per member. This is only if your team is accepted, and will be requested of you in a post-acceptance packet).

Checks should be made payable to Carnegie Mellon University. They should be sent to:

Meghana Valluri
5000 Forbes Avenue
SMC 6837
Pittsburgh, PA 15289-6837

6. Submit the Registration Deposit Form.



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Selection

The Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board will review only fully completed applications that are received by 11:59 pm on September 25th, 2015. Teams will be judged for selection similar to how they would be judged on the day of the show. Day-of-show Judging Criteria is attached below. The top 8 teams are selected to compete.

Notification

On September 28th, 2015, teams will be notified of their entry status. Within 24 hours, teams will be expected to confirm participation and will then receive supplemental information within 5 business days.



basic information

Team Name: _____

University Representing (If Applicable): _____

Team Captain's Contact Info:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Please list all dancers, instrumentalist, and managers on the following page. You must have no fewer than 8 dancers and no more than 16 dancers. Instrumentalists and managers do not count as dancers, but must be included on this roster. You may have no more than 20 total members on the roster. (Note that on day of competition, all participants will be asked for photo IDs which must match names on this list unless updated in the final team roster due on October 1st, 2015).



basic information

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competition rules & regulations

1. The competition is open to any collegiate or independent team.
2. The Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board reserves the right to refuse the registration of any team.
3. The final deadline for when all registration information must be received/postmarked by is 11:59pm on September 12th, 2015. All materials must be received by this time.
4. The application fee of \$60 is non-refundable to all teams that apply.
5. Each team must have a minimum of 8 dancers and no more than 16 dancers.
6. Instrumentalists (dholi, chimta, etc.) and/or singers will not count towards the 16 dancer limit, but will count towards to 20 team member limit and MUST be included on the roster. No more than 20 total team members may be on the roster.
7. One additional person for each team will be permitted to serve as the team manager.
8. Final team rosters must be submitted by October 1st, 2015. Any changes to the roster must be submitted immediately to the Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board. Any changes submitted after the deadline will require a fee of \$10 per change, at the discretion of the Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board.
9. On the day of the competition, each member of a team must present their photo ID in order to enter the venue and perform.
10. Each performance must be a minimum of 7 minutes and cannot be longer than 9 minutes. The time for the sher must be included in the mix. Any team that exceeds this time limit will suffer a point deduction (see rubric).
11. A mandatory dress rehearsal, beginning at 9 AM will be held on the day of the show. Each team will be assigned 30 minutes of stage time. If any team misses its assigned time slot, they will not be reassigned to practice their routine on the stage.
12. All music must be on one continuous track. Any breaks, pauses, or blank time must be pre-recorded into the track.
13. No team will be allowed to view another team's performance under any circumstances, including dress rehearsal, prior to the actual competition.
14. No dancer will be allowed to perform for more than one team.
15. Consumption of alcohol or illegal substances at the competition venue will not be tolerated. Violation will result in the disqualification and expulsion of the team. Furthermore, no smoking is allowed at the competition venue.



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- 16.** No team will be permitted to use any props that will alter the stage in any manner.
The Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board reserves the right to deny the use of any props.
- 17.** A prop list must be sent to the Executive Board with the post-acceptance packet.
Any changes made after submission of the packet will result in a \$10 fee per change, at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- 18.** Due to the fact that Bhangra in the Burgh is affiliated with Carnegie Mellon University, we must abide by the institution's guidelines for all financial purposes. All independent teams applying to the competition must have a university-affiliated account in order to be paid the full prize money if they place. In the event that an independent team does not have a university-affiliated account, the individual receiving the prize money will have to pay taxes on said moneys by the end of the year.
- 19.** A complete list of the venue's rules will be sent to accepted teams.
- 20.** Obnoxious, rude, impermissible behavior will not be tolerated at the hotel or after-party.
This may be grounds for point deduction or disqualification.
- 21.** Any damage to any of the venues, facilities, and/or transportation will be the liability of the team.
- 22.** All team members and team managers are responsible for rules outlined.
- 23.** The Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board reserves the right to add new or updated rules upon their discretion with regards to the venue and the competition. All teams will be notified via email of any such changes.



judging criteria

Teams will be judged for selection similar to how they would be judged on the day of the show. Day-of-show Judging Criteria is shown below. The Bhangra in the Burgh Executive Committee reserves the right to alter or modify the judging rubric. All teams will be notified via email of any such changes.

Category	Description	Points Possible
Formations		30
Creativity	How creative and aesthetic were the formations? Did the team rotate dancers to the front? Did the team make use of the full stage?	15
Execution	Did the team cleanly hit their spots? Did they seamlessly transition through formations?	
Choreography		30
Creativity	Was the choreography fresh and exciting? Was it creative and unique?	12
Execution	Did the dancers complete the steps? Did they have good form?	12
Difficulty	Was the choreography difficult, or simply a rehash of standard steps? Could you Wlearn the set easily? Did they take any risks with the routine?	6
Synchronicity and Uniformity	Was the team synchronized in its movements? Did you notice the dancers missing steps, not hitting steps on beat, or rotating at different speeds? Did dancers use the same style? Did they have the same angles, lift their legs to the same height, and place their hands in the same positions?	10



judging criteria

Category	Description	Points Possible
Energy/Stamina	Did the team maintain stamina and apply energy where necessary? Did any segments dip in energy?	10
Presentation	How was the stage presence and grace of the dancers? Did they draw you in and keep you engaged? Did they adjust to the speed/energy of the song?	10
Mix	Did the mix complement the choreography? Was there a good balance of songs, a dynamic use of effects and samples? Was the mix properly EQ'ed?	5
Vardiyaan	Specifically, do the paghs look tied correctly, are chunnis correctly pinned, etc? How professional do they appear?	5
Total		100
Penalties		-30
Vardiyaan malfunctions		Up to -5
Damaging Stage		-10
Sportsmanship		Up to -10
Performance over time limit		-5



registration deposit form

I _____ (team captain), understand that upon submitting this application with registration deposit check, my team _____ (team name) cannot be refunded for this amount. In the case that my team is accepted and declines participation in Bhangra in the Burgh 9, I understand that my team will not be refunded for this registration fee.

Team Captain's Signature: _____ Date: _____



final checklist

The following materials must be received:

1. Application Packet:

Completed Basic Information Form
Team photo and logo
Completed Registration Deposit Form

2. Submission of a 3-5 minute long audition videotaped filmed after April 1st, 2015, submitted to our Google Drive. Submit a team photo and logo.

3. Application fee of \$60 (nonrefundable) made payable to Carnegie Mellon University and sent to:

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deadlines

Registration (\$25/per person) – submitted via email by 11:59pm on **September 25th, 2015**.

Application fee sent via post and postmarked by **September 25th, 2015**.

Application must be submitted via email to bhangraintheburgh@gmail.com. A confirmation email will be sent upon submission. If you have submitted your materials and have not received a confirmation within 24 hours of your submission, please immediately contact Meghana Valluri at 732-343-4841.

Application videos can and must be submitted to the Google Drive after we receive your application packet. A confirmation email will be sent upon submission. If you have submitted your materials and have not received a confirmation within 24 hours of your submission, please immediately contact Meghana Valluri at 732-343-4841.

After Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Committee reviews your team's completed application packet, your team's contact person will be contacted by **September 28th, 2015** regarding your team's status in Bhangra in the Burgh 9. You will have 24 hours to confirm your participation.



contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Meghana Valluri (Co-Chair: Head of Operations, Liaison, Networking) at bhangraintheburgh@gmail.com.

Website: www.bhangraintheburgh.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bhangraintheburghofficial

Twitter: www.twitter.com/bhangraintheburgh

Instagram: www.instagram.com/bhangraintheburgh

Once again, thank you for your interest in Bhangra in the Burgh 9. We look forward to receiving your application!

Best Regards,
Bhangra in the Burgh 9 Executive Board