



Bharatiya Temple
Philadelphia Ganesh Festival
PROCESSION COMMITTEE



Festival Dates - Sep 2 – Sep 12, 2019

Dear All,

Ganapati BappaMorya!!!

We are reaching out to you on behalf of the Procession Committee for the **15th year celebration of the “Philadelphia Ganesh Festival” (PGF).**

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 14 years. **We would like to invite groups to submit an entry to perform during these 2 procession events.**

The concept

The concept of performing dance during 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 Procession is to bid a happy and thankful farewell to Lord Ganesha with a sincere appeal to HIM to come back early next year.

Dates for this year:

- (1) Ganesh Arrival Procession (First Day) is on Monday, September 2nd 2019**
- (2) Ganesh Immersion Procession (Last Day) is on Thursday, September 12th 2019**

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

Guidelines:

1. To send your entries by **July 30th 2019**, please contact pgfprocessionteam@gmail.com and we will send you the link to submit your entry.
2. Only entries received by June 30th 2019 may be printed in PGF Boucher (We are working on this topic, however we cannot promise at this point of time).
3. We encourage and welcome performance entries from all age groups (Children, Adults, Senior Citizens)
4. All the entries will be collected by procession committee and will be given appropriate available spot on one of the days to perform.

5. In case of overwhelming response i.e. we get more number of entries than available spot, 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.
6. **Minimum no. of participants is 8 per group & maximum is ~20 per group.**
7. We will be playing these songs on the temple premises, so please make sure your song selection is appropriate for that setup. We encourage you to **select Ganapati Bappa or devotional songs only.**
8. Maximum length of the song should be **4 minutes.**
9. 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.
10. If we get too many entries then we may request you to merge with the other groups based on certain criteria.
11. Participation in Philadelphia Ganesh Festival Procession is FREE of any charge and open to ALL.
12. 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 2nd”or “Sept 12th” or “both” while submitting the procession entry.
13. 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.
14. In order to be fair and accommodative, PGF procession committee will try to offer you to perform at some different PGF event if a particular entry doesn't get selected in lottery draw.

15. An individual is allowed to participate in ONLY ONE Performance.

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 considered if they fail to submit song 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 2019 Procession Committee