

# Ganesh festival starts Sept. 8 in Chalfont

Saturday, August 31,2013

Experience the vibrant culture, the inviting colors, festive atmosphere with the meditative spirituality of India in its most authentic form right here in Pennsylvania.

Join the Indian community at the Bharatiya Temple at 1612 County Line Road in Chalfont, to celebrate Philadelphia Ganesh Festival from Sept. 8-18. It is celebrated on the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the son of Shiva and Parvati. Ganesha is widely worshiped as the god of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune and traditionally invoked at the beginning of any new venture or at the start of travel.

The mission of PGF at Bharatiya Temple is to serve the community by providing an opportunity for the Indian American community of diverse backgrounds to unite and develop awareness of Indian cultural heritage, traditions and values among our children.

The festival begins Sunday, Sept. 8 at 4:30 p.m. with a grand procession of Lord Ganesha in a palanquin around the temple parking lot amidst heart pounding rendition of Indian drums.

Enjoy various cultural programs by world renowned artists from India and North America including the Grammy-award nominee and world renowned Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Master of Sarod performing at 7:45 p.m. on Sept. 10; various Indian classical vocal concerts, orchestras, dance programs and plays throughout the 11 days of the festival. The highlight is India FEST on Sept. 14-15 – a celebration of amazing Indian food, music, and arts and crafts, traditional Indian clothes, accessories, and books. India Fest features Rhythms of Rajasthan - a group from Jodhpur, India with top class folk artists showcasing Rajasthani traditional dances and songs on an outdoor stage.

Also experience the brilliance and variety of Indian dance styles during an elite professional dance competition on Sept. 15 at 11 a.m.

This is the ninth year of celebration and the temple expects more than 8,000 people to attend. For more information, visit [www.PhiladelphiaGaneshFestival.org](http://www.PhiladelphiaGaneshFestival.org). Ample parking with free shuttle service is available.

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