



51st annual
festival of india
july 15-16, 2023



Talent Showcase Application

A joint project between ISKCON Toronto's Festival of India & Toronto Desi

The Festival of India (FOI) has taken place in Toronto for over 50 years & its rich history stems from thousands of years of tradition and heritage. As a tribute to spiritual India, the festival highlights the Lord of the universe: Lord Jagannatha through its entertainment, pure vegetarian food, kirtan (devotional music) and other activities.

The performances for FOI need to fit into the criteria acceptable for the theme of the event - *Spiritual India*. Attire, music and performance styles should be appropriate to perform in a mandir/temple setting and should relate to Lord Krishna/Lord Jagannatha or their pastimes. Any performances that do not meet the criteria will not be selected to perform in the Talent Showcase.

Types of talent that we are looking to promote:

- Dance (classical Indian/fusion with a connection to spirituality/Lord Krishna)
- Music performance (classical Indian/fusion with a connection to spirituality/Lord Krishna)
- Fashion show (with mandir/temple-appropriate styles)
- Magic Show (that has a spiritual theme related to Krishna or his pastimes)

The FOI will run on Toronto's Centre Island July 15th & 16th, from 12 pm - 9 pm Saturday and 12 pm - 6 pm Sunday. The talent showcase will take place on the main stage (large tent in the center of the festival site) on both days. The exact timings of the showcase are TBD.

SCHEDULE

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED: MAY 15th - JUNE 15th (Audition tapes not to exceed 1 min)

SCREENING OF APPLICATIONS: JUNE 15th - JUNE 30th

VOTING/POLLING: JULY 1st - JULY 15th

1st STAGE PERFORMANCE: JULY 15th (AWARD CATEGORY – PEOPLE'S CHOICE)

2nd STAGE PERFORMANCE: JULY 16th (AWARD CATEGORY – POPULAR CHOICE)

Disclaimer(s):

1. We expect all performers to be on time, bring their own music/instruments/costumes, cooperate peacefully and respectfully with the FOI team and management.
2. No smoking on site.
3. No meat/alcohol on site.

*We can provide ferry tickets to the Island for performers/talent only (friends and family are not covered).
A pure vegetarian meal is also provided upon request.*

APPLICATION FORM 