



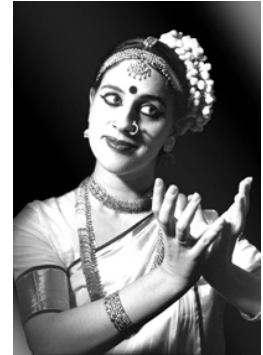
# Kerala Hindus of North America

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## Classical Dance Competition



**KHNA invites KHNA children and youth (Age 7-18) to a classical dance competition as a part of 2009 KHNA convention in Los Angeles from July 10-13. Please encourage your children to participate in this big event which will be a wonderful exposure to your children all over North America. This may be a stepping stone for the children to be involved in the great world of Indian classical dance.**



**Competition Summary:** Entries are accepted for dance in any traditional Indian dance form but the focus is expected on Bharathanatyam, Mohini attam and Kathakali. Other traditional Kerala folk dance forms such as Kurathi and Pulluvathy dances and reenactments of purana stories are also allowed. Cinematic Dance is not allowed. Entries are for individual dance performances only. Group performances will not be considered for competition.

### Competition Rules:

- Only individual dances are allowed in the competition segment of the dance competition
- The competition has two age groups: **Ages 7-12** and **13-18** (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Each item is for 10 minutes performance, and no more than 3 minutes will be given for preparation after the name is announced
- If there is any special lighting arrangement needed please communicate with Production committee, children's committee or Cultural committee beforehand (dead line April 19, 2009)
- Dances will be performed in various stages. Curtains will not be opened and closed for each item
- There is no entry fee
- The dance competition is scheduled currently for July 11/12 during the KHNA convention
- While different dance forms are not easy to compare, the judges panel will include well known dance experts in at least three different dance forms, and each dance style will be judged on its own merit
- KHNA reserves the right to offer separate prizes for different dance styles, depending on the number of entries in each style
- First prize in each age category will receive an award and a certificate
- All contestants will receive a certificate of participation from KHNA and a small prize.
- All participants must be registered individually, or as members of registered families.

**Entry submission:** Please send your entries by email to us ([sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com](mailto:sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com)) with the subject line showing "Classical competition contest". Please check the convention page at the KHNA website, [www.namaha.org](http://www.namaha.org) for any further updates (a page for online competition entries is expected by early March). Entries are expected by **May 31, 2009**.

If you have any questions regarding the competition please contact any one of the KHNA organizers.  
Children's committee Chair: **Sreedevi Warriar**, Phone number (949) 859-0966.





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## CLASSICAL MUSIC COMPETITION

**KHNA invites KHNA children and youth (Ages: 7-18) to a Classical Music Competition, as part of KHNA Convention in Los Angeles from July 10-13. Please encourage your children to participate this big event which will be a wonderful opportunity and exposure to your children all over North America. This may be a stepping stone for the children to be involved in the great world of Indian classical music.**

**Competition Summary:** Entries are invited for classical music (Karnatic or Hindustani style). Other traditional Kerala forms such as Kathakali music may be considered. Vocal and Instrumental music are allowed. Entries are for individual performances only. Group performances will not be considered for competition, but accompaniments are allowed for each performer.

### Competition Rules:

- The competition has two age groups: **Age 7-12** and **13-18** (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Each item is for a 10 minutes performance, and no more than 3 minutes will be given for preparation after the name is announced. All parts of the rendition, such as Raga Alapanam and Swara prasthaanam, if attempted, must fit within 10 minutes
- Compositions of any of the well-known classical composers are allowed for Karnatic music
- Hindustani music performances without any compositions are also allowed
- Accompaniments may be provided or can be brought by the performers, but accompanists' performances is not part of the judging criteria.
- Shruti instruments and simple electronic rhythm instruments needed for Hindustani performances are allowed, however taped or computer-synthesized background music is not allowed
- Different styles of classical music are not easy to compare, but judges panel will include well known experts in different forms, and each form will be judged on its own merit
- KHNA reserves the right to offer separate prizes for different music and instrumental categories, and for male and female categories, depending on the number of entries in each.
- The winner will receive an award and KHNA certificate
- All participants will receive a KHNA certificate and a small complementary gift
- All participants must be registered individually, or as members of registered families.

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## GEETA CHANTING COMPETITION KHNA 2009



**KHNA invites KHNA children and youth (Age 5-18) to a Geeta Chanting competition as part of the 2009 KHNA convention in Los Angeles from July 10-13. This competition is open to all children/youth from age 5-18. The power of chanting the Bhagavad-Geeta comes not just from the meaning of the words, but from their direct vibrational effect on our body's physiological and energetic system. Please join this chanting competition**

### Bhagavad Geeta Chapter 15 – Purushothama yoga

**Competition Summary:** Entries are accepted from children/youth from age 5-18. Some age variations are accepted depending on the number of participants. The selected chapter for this competition is Chapter 15 – Purushothama Yoga. The following table will help you to prepare for the competition.

Groups	Age	# Slokas
A	5-8	1-10
B	9-12	1-15
C	13-18	1-20

#### Competition Rules:

1. We are grading each participant for memory, pronunciation and presentation. No exceptions !!!
  - Memory: The ability to chant (without looking at the book) the specified portion without any break, hesitation or confusion
  - Pronunciation: The ability to chant verses with clear pronunciation, clarity and correctness of the syllables
  - Presentation: The posture, mannerism, confidence and sincerity of the effort.
2. Only one participant at a time
3. According to the age level, the participants should recite the required slokas as in the above table.
4. Participants are required to comply with all criteria. The attire must be appropriate, as this competition is expected to be conducted in the religious hall.
5. The winner in different category will receive a certificate and a prize
6. All participants will receive a certificate and a small complimentary gift for participation
7. The decision of the judges is final
8. Participants will be allowed at the competition only if they are registered at the convention, individually, or in a family (but the entries may be sent earlier or separately from registration).

**Entry submission:** Please send your entries by email to us ([sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com](mailto:sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com)) with the subject line showing “Geeta Chanting Competition– KHNA 2009). Please check the convention page at KHNA website, [www.namaha.org](http://www.namaha.org) for any further updates. Entries are expected by June 15, 2009. If you have any questions regarding the competition please contact any one of the KHNA organizers.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE CHAIR: SREEDEVI WARRIER, PH: (949) 859-0966



## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER KHNA QUIZ CONTEST 2009



**KHNA invites KHNA children and youth (Age 12-18) to a Quiz contest as a part of the 2009 KHNA convention in Los Angeles from July 10-13. This contest will be region wide, and will give your children the power of knowledge in addition to increasing their self esteem and confidence. Please encourage your children to participate in this event. This experience may help them to overcome stage fears of public speaking and prepare them for future competitions.**

**COMPETITION SUMMARY:** Entries are accepted from teams of children/youth (minimum one name representing the team should be emailed to us beforehand as an entry) from age 12-18. Some age variations are accepted depending on the number of participants. At least one name for a team should be informed to us. Our quiz competition covers a wide array of topics to please everyone, including but not limited to:

- ✦ General knowledge
- ✦ Entertainment
- ✦ History
- ✦ Sports
- ✦ Literature
- ✦ Science and Nature
- ✦ Music – Indian and American music
- ✦ Religion – focus on Hinduism
- ✦ Keralam

### STRUCTURE OF THE QUIZ:

- ✦ Quiz may have semifinal/final rounds based on the number of entries
- ✦ The numbers of questions depends on time constraints but from 50 to 100 questions are expected.
- ✦ The topic of Religion will have about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the questions.
- ✦ The remaining questions are expected to be evenly spread among the other topics
- ✦ One point will be awarded for each correct answer, and no half points will be awarded
- ✦ Each question will be asked twice
- ✦ Each team will have 10 seconds to write their answer after which a bell will ring
- ✦ The quiz master will then proceed to the next question.
- ✦ The answer sheets will be collected periodically and answers announced.
- ✦ Any query regarding a question must be made by a member of the competing team prior to the announcement of the next question.

### Competition Rules:

1. At least one participant's name, preferably more names in the team, with parents' address/email/Ph, should be emailed to the address below by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Up to two additional team members can be selected and the team finalized at the venue 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of the quiz competition.
2. Names from emailed entry forms may not be allowed to change to other teams.
3. Each competitor must be over age 12 (Exceptions must be approved by KHNA Children's committee)
4. The competition will be organized as a Table Quiz
5. The number of participants on each team shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5
6. All paper for use in the Quiz shall be provided by the Organizing Committee
7. No Books or paper other than that provided by the Organizing Committee will be allowed
8. No conferring will be allowed among teams during the Quiz
9. Two scorekeepers shall be designated during competition
10. In the event of a draw, the teams will be asked five questions. If there is still a draw, the teams involved will be asked single questions until a winner emerges
11. The winning team will receive a certificate and a trophy

**Entry submission:** Please send your entries by email to us ([sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com](mailto:sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com)) with the subject line showing "Knowledge is power – KHNA Quiz contest 2009". Please check the convention page at the KHNA website, [www.namaha.org](http://www.namaha.org) for any further updates. Entries are expected by June 15, 2009. If you have any questions regarding the competition please contact any one of the KHNA organizers.



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## **FANCY DRESS COMPETITION** **KHNA 2009**



**KHNA invites KHNA children (Age 5-10) to a Fancy Dress Competition as a part of 2009 KHNA convention in Los Angeles from July 10-13.** When it comes to a fancy dress competition, the only way to win is by being innovative. To win the competition takes this opportunity as all about having fun and yet bringing out the creative genius in you.

**Competition Summary:** Entries are accepted from children from age 5-10. The theme is focused on Hindu culture. The participants can choose desired costumes or characters from Indian Epics or storybook characters.

### **Competition Rules:**

- ❖ The competition is open for children aged between 5-10 years
- ❖ Participants can choose desired costumes or characters from Indian Epics or story characters
- ❖ Each participants should have a short narration of his or her character
- ❖ Participant should adhere to a maximum time limit of 3 minutes including narration
- ❖ Only solo performance is allowed
- ❖ Participants will be judged according to character portrayed, creativity and presentation skills
- ❖ Children's committee reserves the right to allow other participants with age variation
- ❖ Judges' decision is final

**Entry submission:** Please send your entries by email to us ([sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com](mailto:sreedeviwarrier@yahoo.com)) with the subject line showing "Fancy Dress Competition – KHNA 2009). Please check the convention page at KHNA website, [www.namaha.org](http://www.namaha.org) for any further updates. Entries are expected by June 15, 2009. If you have any questions regarding the competition please contact any one of the KHNA organizers.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE CHAIR: SREEDEVI WARRIER, PH: (949) 859-0966





**KERALA HINDUS OF NORTH AMERICA**  
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## ANANYA COMPETITION

Are you a girl between the ages of 16-21? If so, we need you! Come be a part of the 2009 Ananya competition. We are looking for girls within the Malayalee Hindu community who serve as role models to the next generation of young girls. The Ananya competition will consist of fashion (Kerala traditional wear and formalwear), talent (3 minutes), and questions (2 rounds). This will be a fun way to meet other girls who serve as role models such as yourself. New York took the title in 2007. Which state will take the title in 2009? Come out and represent for your state!



**The application deadline is May 15, 2009.**

If you have any further questions, please email Keerthi Paliath at

[youthkhna@gmail.com](mailto:youthkhna@gmail.com)

## Ananya Application Form

Please fill out the application form

Application Deadline: May 15, 2009

Full Name

DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)

Birthplace

Home Address

Home Number

Cell Number

E-mail Address

High School(s)

College(s)

Academic  
Activities

Extracurricular  
Activities

About You

## Rules and Regulations

All candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 21 (as of 7/11/2009). Candidates below the age of 18 must submit their application with a signature from a parent or guardian in order to participate in the Ananya competition. **A registration fee of \$20.00 will be collected after the candidate has submitted the application form.** In addition, all candidates are required to present a slideshow and participate in the thiruvathira. Miss Ananya 2009 will be required to participate in a volunteer activity of her choice during her 2009-2011 reign.

### Format

- 1) Participant Slideshow
- 2) Thiruvathira
- 3) Kerala Traditional Wear
- 4) Talent Round
- 5) First Round Questions
- 6) Intermission
- 7) Formalwear Round
- 8) Final Round Questions
- 9) Miss Ananya 2009 Crowning

The panel will consist of three guest judges. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers.

### Code of Conduct

I (The Undersigned) will conduct myself in a courteous and responsible manner during the Ananya competition.

I (The Undersigned) will not slander, libel, or defame any individuals involved with the Ananya competition. Defamatory verbal and/or written remarks may result in disqualification from the Ananya competition.

I (The Undersigned) agree to show good sportsmanship at all times. I understand that disruptive behavior before, during, or after the Ananya competition may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of any titles or prizes won during the Ananya competition.

### Waiver

By signing below, I hereby attest that all information contained in this document is true and current to the best of my knowledge.

I also attest that I am over the age of 18. If I am under the age of 18, I will have a parent or guardian sign the form to give their express permission for me to participate in the Ananya competition.

I also hereby allow OHM and KHNA to photograph, videotape, and record the events of the Ananya competition, including those portions that I am a participant. I further allow that these recordings be allowed to be reproduced without further notification or permission from me.

I hereby release OHM and KHNA from all liability before, during, and after the Ananya competition.

Participant Name

Parent or Guardian Name

By checking this box, I affirm that all information contained herein is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

By checking this box, I affirm as a legal parent or guardian that I allow (The Signatory) to participate in the Ananya competition.

## AN OHM EVENT

In conjunction with the KHNA Convention, July 10 to 13 2009

OHM, Los Angeles, & EKTA Center, Irvine, CA, present:

(Go to [www.namaha.org/ravivarma](http://www.namaha.org/ravivarma) for details and updates, Turn this page over for the Entry Form )

# RAVI VARMA MEMORIAL ART COMPETITION & EXHIBITION 2009

*To commemorate the celebrated Indian artist Raja Ravi Varma (1848-1906)*



### Top Prizes

Senior	\$150/-
Intermediate	\$125/-
Junior	\$100/-
Sub Junior	\$75/-

Citations and cash prizes for other prize-winning (consolation) art-work\*  
Best entries to be published in upcoming Souvenir, and displayed at KHNA Convention at Double Tree Ontario and at Ektaa Center Irvine.

## ***GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT !!***

Age group: 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-21

Certification required that artwork is original

Entry fee: \$10 (check to be made out to OHM)

Only one entry per person

*Theme: "A Day I Love"*

*Deadline for entries: June 6th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.*

Only one entry per person

2) May be any medium such as pencil, Crayon, water color, Acrylic, Oil etc. (No Craft, 3-D or collages)

3) Mounting is preferred

4) Final size (including mounting) to be 16" X 20"

5) Frame/glass not allowed

6) Entries must be on Canvas or paper

7) Certification required that art work is original

8) Pick up is entrant's responsibility - may request artwork to be returned by mail at entrants expense

Entry Form on [www.namaha.org/ravivarma](http://www.namaha.org/ravivarma)

For more info E-mail : [pisharody@hotmail.com](mailto:pisharody@hotmail.com)

or call (909) 899 5961

## ***UNLEASH THE ARTIST IN YOU !!!***

The Ravi Varma Memorial Arts Competition 2009

An OHM event co-sponsored by EKTA center

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## Entry Form

Subject/Theme:.....Medium: .....

Name of competitor: .....

Age: ..... D.O.B...../...../..... Gender: M / F

Mailing address Street:.....Apt #.....

City:..... State..... Zip.....

Telephone:(.....) ..... Fee enclosed: Yes / No

E-mail address:.....

Parent/guardian or teacher may please complete the declaration of authenticity below  
" I, ..... the parent/guardian/teacher  
of .....(name of competitor) certify that this entry  
is an original work of art to the best of my knowledge.".....(Signed)

### Address for submission:

All entries should be carefully packaged, adequately stamped, and mailed to either address:

Sree Kumar, 1615 Butternut Ave, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. (909 396 4799)

Prasad & Maria, 340 Cherry Tree Lane, Newport Beach, CA 92660 (949 548 1815)

### To Drop Off submission & info:

Call Dr Ravi Raghavan (909) 899 5961 or e-mail: [pisharody@hotmail.com](mailto:pisharody@hotmail.com).

Call Anjani Gupta (949) 735 2672

### Note:

1. Competitors will have to bear the cost of paper/canvas, other art supplies, mailing, or travel.
2. The organizers will not be responsible for any damages in transit.
3. Competitors should submit original work, and not break any copyright laws.  
OHM or EKTA will not be responsible for such acts.
4. Decisions of judges & organizers will be final.
5. Winners will be announced at the KHNA convention, Ontario, CA, July 10-13, 2009 and will be posted on the website after the event. An e-mail will be sent to the entrants to announce the award time.