

## Cultural Program News Revised: April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010

The following message is given forth by the National Cultural Committee for the 2010 National Knanaya Convention:

Dear Friends and Family of the Knanaya Community,

The officials of the KCCNA Convention are working at full speed to make this upcoming convention a memorable one. The National Cultural Committee is putting in our best effort to create a successful Cultural Program for this year's convention. Please note that the time is split according to the ratio of registrants per unit as well as the number of KCCNA National Council members in their respective areas. With the given number of registrants, our committee has assigned the following time restrictions for the Cultural Program to each unit as follows:

All set up time must be included within your unit's allocated time. No exceptions will be made.

If any unit feels as though they will not use their entire allocated time, please call me to let me know.

With the **19 units** that are competing, the committee is not allowed to exceed the total time allocation of **11 hours** for the entire cultural program. Due to this time limit, our committee will not extend time for any units competing in the cultural competition.

The Cultural Competition will be split into the four following groups with times listed according to unit:

<u>GROUP - A</u>		<u>GROUP - B</u>		<u>GROUP C</u>	
Chicago	100 min.	Dallas	45 min.	Canada	20 min.
New York	100	Tampa	45	Detroit	20
Houston	100	San jose	45	miami	20
		Atlanta	45	minnesota	20
				San Antonio	20
				LA	20
<u>GROUP D</u>					
Arizona	10 min.				
A.At large	10				
Las vegas	10				
Ohio	10				
Philadelphia	10				
Washington	10				

Judging by the best performance in the Cultural Competition, there will be **one winner per group**. This is to be fair to those groups who have less participants and less time to showcase their talents.

It is imperative that I receive the contact e-mail of all coordinators of each Cultural Program Unit as soon as possible.

**Guidelines for the program content:**

Please develop an engaging and fun-filled variety program with an enjoyable theme and performance for your region. We are looking for unique programs that display the enormous talent that we possess in our community. Be aware that this is a family centered event and that all performances should maintain and promote the values of the Knanaya Catholic culture. Any performances that display provocative or discriminatory ideas toward any individual or group will be disqualified from the cultural program competition. We emphasize that regions do not limit programs to single dances, standup comedy, and instrumental music. We highly encourage all regions/units to reduce any single item performances at all. The judges scoring will be based on overall coordination, creativity, dramatic effect, variety of program, costume, and thematic flow from the very beginning of the performance till the exiting of the stage.

It is important to remember that the cultural program is the prime time to display the immense talent of the Knanaya community. This is an opportunity that each unit should take with both seriousness and excitement in order to reflect the beauty and unity of our culture. We look forward to viewing a variety of performances from each region/unit that displays the strength and tradition of our people. We want to make this convention unforgettable, so please bring forth your best talent!

Please e-mail or call me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have regarding the cultural competition. Our committee is more than willing to make this convention a successful one.

Sincerely,

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