

Dear Family, Friends and all 2010 KCCNA Convention Registrants,

This is the final message regarding the Cultural Program Competition for the 2010 KCCNA Convention.

In our previous letter, all were informed that four groups will be participating in the Cultural Program Competition. However, due to insufficient participation in Group D, the Cultural Competition will now host three instead of four groups. Members of Group D have been moved to Group C.

The 3 groups include:

Group A = Chicago, New York, Houston (100min. each)

Group B = Dallas, Tampa, San Jose, Atlanta (45min. each)

Group C = Canada, Detroit, Miami, Minnesota, San Antonio, Las Angeles, Las Vegas, Washington (20min. each)

Judging by the best performance in the Cultural Program Competition, there will be **ONE WINNER** per group and **ONE RUNNER-UP** per group.

FINAL TIME SLOTS FOR THE CULTURAL PROGRAM COMPETITION:

Thursday

9:00pm-9:15pm = Inaugural Cultural Program

9:15-10:00pm = San Jose (45min)

10:00pm-10:20pm= Miami (20 min)

10:20pm-10:40pm= Minnesota (20 min)

10:40pm-11:00pm= Washington/Judges Break (20 min)

11:00pm-11:45pm = Atlanta (45min)

Friday

5:30pm-7:10pm = Houston (100 min)

7:10pm-7:30pm = Las Vegas (20 min)

7:30pm-7:50pm = Detroit (20 min)

7:50pm-8:10pm = Canada (20 min)

8:10pm-8:30pm = Judges Break Time (20 min)

8:30pm-9:15pm = Tampa (45 min)

9:20pm-9:40pm = San Antonio (20 min)

9:40pm-10:00 pm= Los Angeles (20 min)

10:05pm-11:45pm = New York (100 min)

Saturday

5:30pm-6:15pm = Dallas (45 min)

6:20pm-8:00pm = Chicago (100 min)

Lastly, the National Cultural Program Committee would like to thank all the states who willingly gave up their allotted time for the Cultural Program Competition. Their generosity allowed our Committee to stay within the 11 hour time restriction given for the Cultural Program Competition at the 2010 KCCNA Convention. Units include: Arizona, Ohio, Philadelphia, Washington and Association at Large.

Please read all Guidelines for the Program Content below:

Guidelines for 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 units to refrain from displaying any single item performances at all.

*****IMPORTANT*****

- **All set up time and stage preparations must be included within each unit's allocated time. No exceptions will be made.**
- **There is a 5% reduction in scoring for every 5 minutes of overtime.**
- **All discrepancies will be resolved by the judges alone.**
- **The judge's decision is final.**
- **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. Please remember that the judges seek a quality filled program rather than a quantity filled program. Thus, we advise that units do not extend their performance unnecessarily.

We look forward to viewing a variety of performances from each unit at this year's KCCNA Convention. Please bring forth your best talent for the Cultural Program Competition. All units should display the strength and tradition of our people in order to make this convention unforgettable!

Feel free to e-mail or call me or any one of the Co-Chairs listed below if you have any questions or concerns regarding the cultural competition. Our committee is more than willing to clarify any discrepancies regarding any matter concerning the Cultural Program Competition. Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

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