

Recommendations for Entertainment For Ekal 2024 events

As you plan a program, please do look into the costs of the program

- Please have a budget for the program and share it with the event team
- Budgets must be approved by the event team.
- **Here is the template to estimate the budget - [Estimated Budget for the event.xlsx](#)**

Following cost does NOT include travel and accommodation costs.

Group	Name	Contact	Cost	Available Dates
Ekal ke Rang Swati ke Sang (about 5 members)	Swati Girglani, Kedar Godbole	732-713-4192 Swati.Girglani@gmail.com	About 2k/event	All dates except Feb 23-25, April 19, 27 are available.
Penn Masala (13 members)	Gaurav Gaur	858-649-9241	3k/event for 2 consecutive weekend events	Any 2 consecutive weekend dates
Din Check (5-6 person group)	Jolly Bhatia, Sameer	617-774-8979, 401-688-8598	3.5k/event	Apr 20, 21, 27, 28 May 4, 25, 26
Geetesh Iyer & Group	Geetesh (Lives in Pacific region)	415-602-8747	1k + 450/artist	End of March to Beginning April
Dibyaraj Bose - NJ 5 person musical	Sougato		3k	Philly: April 28; Rest open
Druvit Shah (5 person group)	Druvit Shah (Lives in Providence RI)	702-353-3265	4.5k (within 6hr drive)	Applicable for Newyork/NJ Chapters
Ramayan Dance Drama show: 1:30min	Ranjaniji+Student, Live orchestra	781-308-3335	No additional cost	Call to check
Raas				

Din Check Links:

- <https://youtu.be/aWrg9ygiMp0?si=mIPpGJqx4Yv4IW5W>
- https://youtu.be/iAbC9pltk40?si=TW_UKA9FNK7mouCq
- https://youtu.be/uO3_4K37PdU?si=_Y2LQ5SXzifOPGe8

Geetesh Iyer Links:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Cs0DH3MCBo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsBTKPQhmbY>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fmH6MMIYsY>

Penn Masala Links:

- <https://www.youtube.com/@PennMasalaOfficial/videos>

Kedar Godbole: Kedar works for Amazon as a Principal in Information Technology. He is an active Ekal Volunteer from Connecticut. Music runs in Kedar's family. His grandfather was a Hindustani classical singer. Kedar and his siblings have taken the baton of singing forward. Although not trained in classical music, Kedar has a penchant for bollywood and semi classical music. Kedar and his talented group of musicians have performed at multiple events within the tri-state area.

- <https://youtu.be/wPTOvWxxDS0>
- <https://youtu.be/2ZQbFm7mJUw?si=ozBhzNCKIaCZ5Xbl>
- https://youtu.be/Wz-GQ4C_8kI?si=1pBY7vbs00AzF0iG
- <https://youtu.be/qYREhDCEgOU?si=r-https://www.facebook.com/share/v/WKm7bp4arFbDtnyp/?mibextid=HSR2mg&startTimeMs=3000YhqlW0w4uWp41Q>
- <https://youtu.be/sP5DD2yBqxEx?si=RTJ27ExR4YI0qWlk>
- <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/8uznyY1YndyDgFhZ/?mibextid=HSR2mg&startTimeMs=9000>
- [Audio recording samples](#)
- Hidden Gems Highlight reel: <https://vimeo.com/423889698/57771c2af8>
- Hidden Gems Part 1: <https://vimeo.com/423885878/81f5def7dc>
- Hidden Gems Part 2: <https://vimeo.com/423882978/ec81446943>

Swati Girglani Bio:

Swati, a talented Singer, Actor and a Producer is also Ekal's Southeast Regional President and has been connected with Ekal for 10 years.

Swati is a classically trained singer and her singing ranges from Ghazals to devotional music and film songs to Gujarati Garba. She has performed extensively for 30 years in the USA and other countries. Performing for Charity is where she finds the most satisfaction and joy now.

Besides singing, She has acted in the most watched TV serial "Ramanand Sagar's Ramayan" in India. She also produced and hosted TV ASIA's popular show "Pasand Apni Apni" for many years.

Dibyaraj Bose:

- <https://youtube.com/watch?v=2VW1CoFW6Sg&feature=shareb>
- <https://youtu.be/xyJK04belNQ?si=INvDOOUmZ8ReEfXq>

Dhruvit Shah

- <https://youtu.be/NH6Pc5EcQfo>
- <https://youtu.be/G097hFTdmN0>
- <https://youtu.be/NH6Pc5EcQfo>
- <https://youtu.be/8qVEysFJ6yl>

FLYERS using Canva: Click on the editable link below. We will soon share another template in word doc. Check with your volunteers, especially youth if they can help with canva. If not, one of

the Ekal volunteers could help BUT will need ALL details and will NOT have bandwidth to make repeated edits (which generally happens with flyers):

https://www.canva.com/design/DAF8JGnRfuM/OIDXkg_DNX0BNHeATDi0gQ/edit?utm_content=DAF8JGnRfuM&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton

General Information:

A show should have at least 1 hr - 1 hr 30 Min of entertainment. We look to low cost opportunities so that our tickets can cover the cost of the event.

- A variety entertainment program using local college dance/ music groups
 - Local Universities have excellent Bhangra/ Raas/ Bollywood and other dance teams that may be available to perform.
 - They also have South Asian Acapella and Bands that can present very entertaining programs.
- Local Dance Schools
 - Local Indian dance schools often are able to put together dance ballets or dance shows that are entertaining
- Local Musicians/ Bands
 - Many talented local musicians can put together a Bollywood music program
- Mix/Match Variety Entertainment Program. Here is an example
 - A couple of dances/ Acapella from local Universities
 - A fashion show featuring local people - We can replicate the very thoughtful show done at the National Ekal Conference, in Atlanta where the leading women of India through the ages (Eg. the first Woman Indian Doctor, Astronaut, Air Force Officer, Indra Nooyi and others) were depicted.
 - Local music group - Karaoke Presentation
 - Standup comedy
- Options from Ekal Central
 - There are musical groups in Boston, Connecticut, Raleigh and other areas who would be willing to travel and perform for Ekal.
 - There is a fashion show that was put together at the National Conference that can be replicated at the different events. We will share the video. This may be a good way to bring local people into the event

These are only suggestions. Please feel free to reach out to the event committee to discuss this or any other option in detail. We encourage you to think creatively and we will support you to the best of our ability. We thank you for your hard work!