



Portland Balaji Temple

Hindu Educational & Cultural Society of America
(A Non Profit Tax Exempt Org, Tax ID #27-1098567)
6100 SW Raab Road, Portland OR 97221 Tel:(503) 621-7716.



11th Margazhi Utsavam 2026 Guidelines

For all communications use email only: cultural.hecsa@gmail.com.

Event Overview

The 11th Margazhi Utsavam 2026 will commence on December 20, 2025 and conclude on February 15, 2026. This season highlights local talent, with programs scheduled every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on a first-come, first-served basis.

Important Attendance Guidelines

To uphold the spirit of community support, all guests and family members of every participant are expected to remain physically present for the entire duration of the event, especially on days with multiple concerts or dance performances.

1. Do NOT leave the hall after your participant has finished performing.
2. If your participant is scheduled later in the program, please arrive early and stay until the end.

Your presence encourages all performers and helps strengthen, motivate, and inspire our thriving local talent community to continue learning and gain valuable live performance experience.

Event Days and Timing

Event Day	Start Time	End Time
Fridays	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
Saturdays	2:00 PM	9:00 PM
Sundays	2:00 PM	9:00 PM

Program Guidelines

1. Carnatic and Hindustani Vocal, Carnatic and Hindustani Instrumental, Indian Classical Dances
2. Participants should be mid to advanced level for Margazhi Season. (Beginner to mid-level will have a separate opportunity)
3. If this is your first performance at this event, please send a video of a past performance with accompaniment, or request your Guru (teacher) to email us directly.
4. One participant (max two allowed) for vocals and instrumental (except percussion). You MUST have one instrumental accompaniment for vocals — such as mridangam, violin, ghatam, tabla, etc. (Strictly no Tani-avarthanam allowed for 30-minute music programs.)



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Participation Donation

Event	Amount	Comments
Vocal	\$100	Per participant (Max 2) — Level 2 Multipurpose Hall
Instrumental (Except Percussion)	\$100	Per participant (Max 2) — Level 2 Multipurpose Hall
Accompanists	\$100	One-time fee; may accompany multiple events
Dance (Individual)	\$150	Per participant (45-min limit) — Level 4 Grand Auditorium
Group Dance	\$250	Per performance (30-min limit, up to 8 participants) — Level 4
Group Dance	\$500	Per performance (60-min limit, up to 8 participants) — Level 4
Special Margazhi Event	\$1000	Per performance (90-min limit) — Level 4 Grand Auditorium

1. Accompanists may pay a one-time \$100 fee and accompany any number of performances during the season.
2. Please use the provided link to pay the performance fee. Mention the participant's name in the remarks field. Registration will be confirmed only after payment.
3. Participants with accompaniment should coordinate directly with accompanists. Contact the Cultural Committee by email if you need help finding accompanists.
4. No more than two performances from the same school or teacher will be scheduled on any given day, unless exceptions are made based on availability.
5. The same performer (except accompanists) cannot perform more than one event per day.
6. No karaoke or voice-over recorded music is allowed.
7. Participants are encouraged to use local talent for accompaniment. Out-of-state artists may join at their own expense.
8. The temple will provide audio equipment. No special audio requests will be entertained. Please arrange volunteers for setup and cleanup.



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Duration for Vocal/Instrumental Events

1. Mid to Advanced Level: Max 30 minutes + 10 minutes setup
2. Graduated: Max 45 minutes + 10 minutes setup
3. Professional: Max 90 minutes + 10 minutes setup
4. Please select the appropriate duration in the registration form. Additional information may be requested before confirming your slot.

Additional Guidelines for Indian Classical Dances

1. Individual or group performances allowed.
2. Participants must be mid to advanced level. (Separate event for beginner to mid-level.)
3. Please arrive in proper traditional dance attire.

Food or Prasad Distribution Guidelines

1. Outside food and caterers are not allowed.
2. Food must be ordered through Sri Padmavathi Catering.
3. No food or drinks are allowed inside the auditorium.
4. Orders should be placed at least 2 weeks prior to your event.
5. To make this event successful, the committee will do its best to allocate dates and times as requested. All committee decisions are final.
6. Scheduling may be adjusted based on availability. Updated guidelines will be posted as needed.