

Varnolsavam 2018

Minnesota Malayalee Association

Dates

Competitions: Saturday, April 28th, 2018 & Saturday, May 5th, 2018

[Registration deadline: April 18th, 2018. Register here.](#)

Venue

King of Grace Lutheran Church & School
6000 Duluth Street
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Groups

Group A: Ages 3 to 5
Group B: Ages 6 to 8
Group C: Ages 9 to 11
Group D: Ages 12 to 15
Group E: Ages 16 to 19
Adults group: Ages 20 and above

Day 1: April 28th, 2018

Classical Dance (Group B, C, D, E)
Cinematic Dance (Group B, C, D, E)
English Speech (Group B, C, D, E)
Essay Writing (Group B, C, D, E)

Action Song (Group A)
Coloring (Group A)
Fancy Dress (Group A)
Group Song (Group A)

Day 2: May 5th, 2018

Solo Dubsmash/Lip-sync Battle (Group B, C, D, E, Adults)
Group Dubsmash (Group B, C, D, E, Adults)
MMA Star Singer (Solo Song) - (Group B, C, D, E, Adults)
Group Song - (Group B, C, D, E, Adults)
Malayalam Speech (Group B, C, D, E, Adults)
Observational Drawing (Group B, C, D, E, Adults)

Competition-specific Rules

MMA Star Singer (Solo Song) - Group B, C, D, E, and Adults

This is our primary solo singing event. We have relaxed the restrictions from last year and now allow you to sing any song of your choosing. We encourage the use of karaoke to make it more entertaining for the audience. Yes, you can expect a sizeable audience. This is your moment to shine.

- The participant will have 5 minutes to sing a song in any language including English. Background music (karaoke) is encouraged, but not required.
- The .mp3 formatted audio file for the background music should be emailed to varnolsavam@mnmalayalee.org at least 2 days before the competition. For identification purposes, the track should be clearly marked and labeled (StarSinger_ "name" _ "trackname".mp3).

Group Song - Group A, B, C, D, E, and Adults

The group song category is for duets, small groups, and large groups. It's open to all age categories, including Group A. Group song events are quite popular in India and we now give these groups a chance to compete here in Minnesota. Please note that group events do not count toward the limit of four (4) events per person and do not count towards Kala Prathibha calculations.

- The participants will have 5 minutes to sing a song in any language including English. Background music (karaoke) is encouraged, but not required.
- Any number of participants can be in a group. Each participant in the group must register for the event.
- The .mp3 formatted audio file for the background music should be emailed to varnolsavam@mnmalayalee.org at least 2 days before the competition. For identification purposes, the track should be clearly marked and labeled (GroupSong_ "Group Name" _ "trackname".mp3).

Solo Dubsmash/Lip-sync Battle - Group B, C, D, E, and Adults

Solo Dubsmash/Lip-sync Battle is our new newest, and by far easiest event in Varnolsavam 2018. In this open-ended event, you have 3 minutes of audio playing in the background, and you can essentially do anything you want on stage. Usually dubsmash means mouthing the words to comedy dialogue or drama dialogue. You can even dance and mouth the words to a song. Feel free to interpret the words "dubsmash material" liberally.

- The participant will have 5 minutes to present a piece of any dubsmash material or lip-synced song in any language. Audio will play in background and participants must perform on stage without using their own voice.
- The .mp3 formatted audio file for the competition should be emailed to

varnolsavam@mnmalayalee.org at least 2 days before the competition. For identification purposes, the track should be clearly marked and labeled (SoloDubsmash_"name"_"trackname".mp3).

Group Dubsmash - Group B, C, D, E, and Adults

Group Dubsmash is one of our newest events in Varnolsavam 2018. In this open-ended event, you have 3 minutes of audio playing in the background, and you can essentially do anything you want on stage. Please note that group events do not count toward the limit of four (4) events per person and do not count towards Kala Prathibha calculations.

- The participants will have 3 minutes to present a piece of any dubsmash material in any language. Audio will play in background and participants must perform on stage without using their voice.
- Any number of participants can be in a dubsmash group. Each participant in the group must register for the event. A form to list members of a group will be sent out after registration.
- The .mp3 formatted audio file for the live dubsmash competition should be emailed to varnolsavam@mnmalayalee.org at least 2 days before the competition. For identification purposes, the track should be clearly marked and labeled (GroupDubsmash_"Group Name"_"trackname".mp3).

Malayalam Speech - Groups B, C, D, E, and Adults

- The participant will have 5 minutes to perform a speech in Malayalam.
- [Click here for the malayalam speech topics.](#)
- Participants may use note-cards. Points may be deducted for excessive use of note-cards and a lack of eye contact with the audience.
- No props, visual aids, or pre-recorded audio will be allowed.

Instrumental Music - Group B, C, D, E, and Adults

- The participant will have 5 minutes to perform one or many compositions in wind, percussion, brass, string, or electronic instruments of their choice.
- The participant must bring their own instruments. Multiple instruments may be used by a participant.
- No pre-recorded audio is allowed. Notes are allowed.

Observational Drawing - Group B, C, D, E, and Adults

- The participant will have 3 hours to complete a drawing of an object in front of them.
- The participant may only use materials that are provided. We will provide standard graphite pencils and erasers. We will provide 3 sheets of 11 inch by 14 inch paper of at least 150gsm. The participant will submit one of these sheets.
- No books, phones, or internet devices may be used.

Classical Dance - Group B, C, D, and E

- The participant will have 7 minutes to perform a dance from one of the classical dance forms of India.
- The .mp3 formatted audio file for the dance should be emailed to varnolsavam@mnmalayalee.org at least 2 days before the competition. For

identification purposes, the track should be clearly marked and labeled (Classical_ "Participant name" _ "trackname".mp3).

Cinematic Dance - Group B, C, D, and E

- The participant will have 5 minutes to perform a dance accompanying an Indian film song.
- Instrumental music from films are not allowed. Folk, classical or semi-classical themed dances are not allowed.
- The .mp3 formatted audio file for the dance should be emailed to varnolsavam@mnmalayalee.org at least 2 days before the competition. For identification purposes, the track should be clearly marked and labeled (Cinematic_ "Participant name" _ "trackname".mp3).

English Speech - Group B, C, D, and E

- The participant will have 5 minutes to perform a speech in English.
- [Click here for the english speech topics.](#)
- Participants may use note-cards. Points may be deducted for excessive use of note-cards and a lack of eye contact with the audience.
- No props, visual aids, or pre-recorded audio will be allowed.

Essay Writing - Group B, C, D, and E

The essay writing competition will be conducted in the format of the current SAT and ACT exams. Older age groups will see actual essay questions from past ACT and SAT exams. Younger age groups will receive slightly modified versions. We believe that a time-limited, competitive environment will adequately simulate actual SAT and ACT testing conditions.

- The participant will have 1 hour to write an essay on the topic given by the administrator at time of the competition.
- Only the provided pen and paper are allowed. No pencils, books, phones, or internet devices are allowed.

Coloring - Group A

- The participant will color a coloring sheet with a picture outline in 1 hour.
- The coloring sheet, crayons, and pencil colors will be provided during the event. Participants are not allowed to use any other materials.

Fancy Dress - Group A

- The participant will have 1 minute to present themselves on stage dressed in a costume of their choice.
- The participant may speak into the microphone provided.
- No pre-recorded music or instruments are allowed.

Action Song - Group A

- The participant will have 2 minutes to sing and act out a song in any language including English.

- No pre-recorded music or instruments are allowed.
- No props or costumes are allowed.

Notes

1. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of your event. The schedule will be emailed to competitors several days in advance.
2. Food coupons will be available for purchase on both days.
3. Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all participants in all events.
4. Winners will be announced at the end of each event after the scores are tallied except for Essay writing, Drawing, and Coloring competitions. The winners for these will be announced at a later date.
5. One participant from Groups B, C, D, E, and Adult will be awarded **Kala Prathibha** based on their performance scores during the next MMA Onam celebrations.
6. All competitions will count towards the **Kala Prathibha** award, except for the group events - "Group Dubsmash", and "Group Song".

General Rules

1. All participants agree to abide by these rules by signing up for the Varnolsavam competitions.
2. All competitions are individual events and shall be performed only by the individual with no help from anyone else. The exceptions are "Group Song" and "Group Dubsmash" which can be performed by any number of people.
3. Each participant is allowed to participate in a maximum of solo 4 events. "Group Song" and "Group Dubsmash" don't count towards this limit. Group events can be your 5th or 6th event.
4. The deadline for registration is Sunday, April 15th, 2018.
5. Varnolsavam competitions are open to anyone who falls within their specific age groups at the time of the event and registers for the competitions by the deadline. MMA reserves the right to ask for age verification details.
6. Participants must register as MMA members if not already a member. Membership fees are \$5 per individual and \$10 per family.
7. Every competition event requires at least 2 participants. If less than 2 participants register for an event, the participant will automatically move to a higher age group for that competition if it exists. If that group does not exist, either the event will be cancelled or you may perform and win without the event counting towards Kala Prathibha. Once registration closes, you will be notified either if you move up age groups or if an event gets canceled. You will then receive 2 additional days to decide if you want to participate in another event.
8. Pre-recorded audio used for competitions must be emailed to varnolsavam@mnmalayalee.org at least 2 days prior to the event. The filename must be in the format described in "Competition-specific Rules".
9. No special effects such as smoke, disco balls etc. will be allowed. No small objects such as confetti, grain or small breakable objects that may need to be cleaned between performances are allowed.
10. No profanity or socially insensitive material are allowed. MMA reserves the right to make these assessments.
11. Judges' decisions are final and cannot be appealed. Judges will interpret the rules of the competitions as they see fit and cannot be challenged.
12. MMA reserves the right to disqualify any participant for not following the rules of

the event/competitions.

13. MMA reserves the right to revise these rules and guidelines up until April 27th, 2018.