



Greater Atlanta Punjabi Society Vaisakhi Celebrations

19th April 2014 from 7:30pm onwards

A fun filled evening with music, mouth watering snacks, North Indian dinner, drinks, foot tapping music & awesome dances

Vaisakhi (Punjabi: ਵਿਸਾਖੀ) visākḥī) is a festival celebrated across the northern Indian subcontinent, especially in the Punjab region. On the Vaisakhi Day in 1699, the 10th Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh laid down the foundation of the Panth Khalsa, that is the Order of the Pure Ones. This day is also observed as the thanksgiving day by the farmers whereby the farmers pay their tribute, thanking God for the abundant harvest and also praying for the future prosperity.

It is also the start of the second month of New Year after Chaitr, and is celebrated with requisite bathing, partying, and worshipping. It's believed that thousands of years ago, Goddess Ganga descended to earth and in her honor, many Hindus gather along the sacred Ganges River for ritual baths.



Bhangra is a lively form of folk music and dance that originates from Punjab. While Bhangra began as a part of harvest festival celebrations, it eventually became a part of weddings and New Year celebrations. Bhangra is now performed both in traditional form and as a fusion with genres such as hip-hop, house, and reggae.



Giddha is a popular Lok Naach from the Punjab specifically for women. It is derived from an ancient ring dance, which was performed by Punjabi women at social gatherings. Giddha is a bright, colorful and energetic dance which is usually performed to rhythmic clapping and Boliyan (traditional folk songs).

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Bhangra & Giddha Competition 2015

With Fabulous Prizes & Trophies

1st Prize: \$3,500

2nd Prize: \$2,000

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Cultural Program
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ITEM	PARTICIPANTS	CHOREOGRAPHER
Introductions	Kiran Agnihotri & Bhupinder Chawla	
Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Bikramjit Singh Garcha	
Punjabi Folk Dance	Harnoor, Puneet	Harnoor, Puneet
Bollywood Dance Masti	Students of Planet U Performing Arts	Uma Murlidhar
Solo Dance	Sagnika Mukherjee	Sagnika Mukherjee
Punjabi Folk Dance	Armaan, Harnoor, Jason, Khushi, Puneet	Shevy Dhariwal
Address	Honorable Ambassador Ajit Kumar Consul General of India, Atlanta	
Decades of Bollywood	Abby, Aleena, Alexia, Amira, Angela, Christopher, Clare, Daniela, Emily, Emily B, Erin, Gianna, Hannah, Jonathan, Karina, Katie, Peyton, Sarah, Skyler, Tara, Vera, Victoria	All Star Dance Academy Ranjana Rathi
Solo Dance	Komalpreet	Paramjit Bhullar
Bollywood Medley	Abby, Aleena, Alexia, Amira, Angela, Christopher, Clare, Daniela, Emily, Emily B, Erin, Gianna, Hannah, Jonathan, Karina, Katie, Peyton, Sarah, Skyler, Tara, Vera, Victoria	All Star Dance Academy Ranjana Rathi
Giddha	Balwinder, Cammey, Chinti, Jaswinder, Inderjit, Manjit, Narinder, Nirpal, Paramjit, Sandeep, Santosh, Sarabjit	Participants
Bhangra	Badal, Gautham, Harleen, Mihir, Rohith, Neha, Nishka, Sameer, Shruti, Vishal	Jazba - Georgia Tech Shruti Mistry
Music and Dance	Patrons	The Creative YOU!

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