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EKTA Dance Productions  
**Case's Best Dance CWRU Competition 2009**  
Team Registration Packet

Dear Prospective CBDC Participant,

Thank you for your interest in EKTA Dance Productions' **Case's Best Dance CWRU** Competition. This is our first time hosting such an event and we hope that with its success, our organization can continue to host such an event every year. A competition of this size between Case Western dance teams has never been attempted before and we hope that this event will become part of the university's tradition.

EKTA Dance Productions is responsible for funding and managing three South Asian dance teams (Case Raas Goondas, Spartan Bhangra/Nakhre Jehre Maarde, and Case Fusion) that compete at intercollegiate competitions across the United States. Having represented the university and competed at competitions in Miami, Boston, Washington DC, Ann Arbor, Cincinnati, Columbus, New York City, Binghamton and Syracuse, we know what dance teams expect from competitions. We want to host a competition that is **organized, well-run**, and most importantly, **fun**. We also want to be a platform for you to showcase your dance team's unique style and choreography to the rest of the university.

In addition to showcasing the talents of our school's dance teams, we will be donating 50% of our profits to **A Leg To Stand On**, a charity organization that provides prosthetics, free of charge, to children that cannot afford them.. This organization strives to give children the opportunity to walk, run, and dance. As a dance organization, we feel obliged to help out.

This year's competition will be taking place on **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (1 Wade Oval Drive, Cleveland OH 44106). The museum's auditorium seats approximately 600 people and we hope that with your help, we can fill the auditorium with people to witness your crew compete to become "Case's Best Dance CWRU". The registration packet for the competition is due by **October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. If you choose to submit it electronically, the packet needs to be received no later than 7:00 PM EST. Enclosed in this packet is all the information needed to register.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams. Results will be determined by a panel of judges (that will be disclosed to accepted teams at a later date). In addition to the prizes awarded to the top three placing teams, we will give out a People's Choice award to honor the audience's favorite team. We promise to bring a great event to campus with a great cause. Our goal is to promote dance in all forms and we believe this competition will help us reach that goal.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [ektaboard@case.edu](mailto:ektaboard@case.edu).

Sincerely,

Kinnell Shah  
President, EKTA Dance Productions



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**I. Competition Information**

Case's Best Dance CWRU is hosted by EKTA Dance Productions, a USG-funded organization of Case Western Reserve University. The competition will take place on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and start at 7:00 PM. The venue is Cleveland Museum of Natural History which is located at 1 Wade Oval Drive, Cleveland OH 44106. We hope to draw a crowd of approximately six hundred people from the Case Western Reserve University campus. The competition will consist of eight competing dance teams of varying genres as well as one non-dance exhibition act. The competing teams will be selected by the EKTA Board. A panel of judges will determine places after all teams have competed. Prizes are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$200

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100

People's Choice: \$50





## **II. Registration Requirements**

For your team to be eligible for this competition, all of the following information must be provided and received by **Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. After the completed registration packet has been received, your team will be informed of their acceptance status no later than **Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Please provide the following:

- An email to [ektaboard@case.edu](mailto:ektaboard@case.edu) with an intent to register (should be done as soon as possible)
- Completed Registration Form
- Registration Fee: \$50
- Signed Affidavit Form
- Tentative Team Roster
- Tryout Video representing the team within the last year (optional)

If your team is not selected for the competition, your registration fee will be refunded. However, if you are selected to compete but drop out for whatever reason, your registration fee will not be refunded.

## **III. Competition Incentives**

Upon completion of the registration packet and acceptance of your team, you will be given the following prior to and on the day of the competition:

- Team promotion on our website, video, and brochure
- Free admission to the competition and discounted admission to all other events affiliated with this competition
- Judges' comments on your competition performance

**This competition is helping a good cause!** You should have the satisfaction of knowing that you are dancing to raise money to help children receive medical attention!

With your help with publicizing the event, we offer the following incentives to selected and competing teams:

- If your team sells 25 tickets, then your registration fee will be refunded. This only applies to the first 25 tickets that you sell.
- If your team sells the most tickets, you will be allowed to pick your spot in the competition lineup. The performance order for all other teams will be determined randomly.



#### **IV. Competition Requirements**

Once your team is selected for the competition, you will be required to provide the following by **October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**. If you require an extension to provide these items, please let us know as soon as possible.

- Finalized Music (in .mp3 format)
- List of Props (e.g. microphone)
- Team Picture
- Finalized Team Roster
- Optional Team Video Introduction (no longer than 1 minute) (in .avi format)

#### **V. Rules & Regulations**

Each team member is required to sign the affidavit form to ensure that they understand the rules and regulations of Case's Best Dance CWRU Competition.

All team members must read and abide by the following rules:

1. All registration information must be received by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
2. All teams will be notified of their status by October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
3. The minimum number of performers on a team is 6.
4. The maximum number of performers on a team is 20. (Limit 1 Manager per Team)
5. In the event that a team member is added or dropped, the change **MUST** be submitted to [ektaboard@case.edu](mailto:ektaboard@case.edu). (All dropped team members will lose their registration privileges – free admission to the show and discounts to competition affiliated events)
6. The EKTA Board has the right to decline the registration of any team.
7. If a team wishes to drop out of the competition after being accepted, their registration fee will not be refunded.
8. If a team is not accepted to the competition, their registration fee will be refunded.
9. All team members must provide their Case ID during check-in on the day of the competition.



## **VI. Performance Rules**

1. Teams may be comprised of males, females, or a combination of both.
2. Teams must be comprised of students of Case Western Reserve University.
3. Team captains must arrive at the venue by 5:00 PM on the day of the competition.  
It is recommended that the team in its entirety arrive at this time.
4. Due to the time constraints imposed by the venue, stage rehearsal time will not be provided. Team captains will be informed if this changes.
5. The minimum performance time allotted is 4 minutes and the maximum is 8 minutes. Judges will penalize any team that does not follow this time frame.
6. No individual will be allowed to perform for more than one team.
7. Fire, glitter, and confetti may not be used on stage. If your team has questions regarding the usage of props, please contact the EKTA Board.
8. No weapons may be used on stage.
9. In the case of a tie, the prize money will be split among the teams ranking at the same position.
10. Finalized team picture, roster, and music must be submitted to the EKTA Board based on the schedule presented to you.
11. A list of props that will be used must be submitted prior to the performance based on the schedule presented to you.
12. Stage dimensions are: 25 ft deep by 53 ft wide.
13. Each team must bring an extra copy of the music with them to the competition.
14. EKTA will choose a qualified panel judges and design an appropriate scoring rubric to maintain integrity of judging various styles of dance.
15. EKTA is not responsible for any stolen/lost items.
16. EKTA has the right to add/remove rules as they deem fit for the integrity of the competition.
17. No illegal/alcoholic substances are allowed within the vicinity of the competition arena. Failure to oblige will not be tolerated and may be grounds for disqualification.
18. Obnoxious, rude, and impermissible behavior will not be tolerated at the competition.  
Such behavior may be grounds for disqualification.
19. Any damage to the venue and/or facilities due to the performance or obnoxious/impermissible behavior will be the liability of the team.



**VII. Registration Form**

Please provide all of the documentation and information listed in the registration requirements section. If all information is not submitted by the given date, EKTA will not be able to consider your team an eligible candidate. All checks should be made payable to Soumya Gogula.

Team Captain / Contact Person

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Other Team Captain(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Information

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Style of Dance: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_ USG-Recognized Dance Group?  YES  NO

Type of Team:  All Male  All Female  Co-ed

Did you submit a tryout video?  YES  NO

Please provide a brief description and history of your team. Feel free to include any competitions that your team has competed in and any awards or recognition it has received. This description may be included in the program brochure for the show.

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Team Roster

List all members of the team including captains and managers. (Limit 1 Manager per team)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_ 18. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_ 19. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_ 20. \_\_\_\_\_

Manager (if any): \_\_\_\_\_





**VIII. Affidavit Form**

All members of every team are required to read, sign, and understand all the terms that the EKTA Board has set.

- I. I affirm that I have read and understand all of the rules and regulations that EKTA Board has set and hereby agree to abide by them.
- II. I agree to not interfere in the actions of EKTA.
- III. I declare that I will not use any of the promotions, logos, pictures, or advertisements from this competition for my own personal welfare without the consent of EKTA.
- IV. I agree to all of the terms presented in the registration packet and understand that I am legally bound by them.
- V. I understand that EKTA is not responsible for any personal injury, damage, compensation, and/or loss that may occur. I will not take any legal action if any of the preceding take place.

<b>Individual Names</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Age</b>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
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11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____



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16. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_

19. \_\_\_\_\_

20. \_\_\_\_\_

Manager (if any):

21. \_\_\_\_\_





**IX. Final Checklist for Registration**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Email to [ektaboard@case.edu](mailto:ektaboard@case.edu) with intent to register. (Should be done as soon as possible.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee of \$50 USD (checks payable to: Soumya Gogula)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Affidavit Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tentative team Roster
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tryout Video (maximum 2 minutes) (optional)

**X. Mailing Address / Online Registration:**

After you have completed the checklist above, please mail all of the material to:

**Kinnell Shah**  
**2032 E. 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 5**  
**Cleveland, OH 44106**

Please allow enough time for all documents to arrive by the deadline provided. If your registration documents are delayed, it may affect your status in the competition.

If you would prefer to hand deliver all the documents, please call Kinnell Shah at (508)-615-9393 to arrange a time/place to meet. We encourage the submission of all the documents electronically to [ektaboard@case.edu](mailto:ektaboard@case.edu). For sending tryout videos, we highly recommend using [yousendit.com](http://yousendit.com) or [sendspace.com](http://sendspace.com). If you have further questions, please call: (508)-615-9393. If you prefer to pay your registration fee online, you can send a payment via PayPal to [kinnell@gmail.com](mailto:kinnell@gmail.com).

**XI. Our Charity – A Leg To Stand On**

Fifty percent of the profits from this competition will be donated to **A LEG TO STAND ON (ALTSO)** which offers disabled children a chance at having a more normal life, by opening doors to education, work, and acceptance. Currently, ALTSO has programs in India, Colombia, Haiti, Bangladesh, and Belize. The organization strives to provide training to local doctors, prosthetists, and rehabilitation specialists in addition to treatment and therapy to disabled children in the form of corrective surgery, prosthetic limbs or orthoses, and health education.

For more information about this charity, visit <http://www.altso.org>.