Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration Incorporated presents

Common: Unity

Dance Competition

Sunday | January 1, 2023
DEAR COMMON:UNITY PARTICIPANTS,

FIRST, WELCOME TO THE COMMON:UNITY DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION!

WHETHER THIS IS YOUR 1ST OR 100TH TIME PERFORMING, WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE YOU BE A PART OF OUR COMPETITION. WE ARE PROUD TO BE HOSTING AN EVENT THAT SHOWCASES ALL THE TALENT THAT OUR COMMUNITY HOLDS, AND HAVING YOU AS PART OF THAT LINEUP ONLY HELPS KEEP THIS COMMUNITY ALIVE AND THRIVING. STUDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT THEIR SCHOOLS. THIS EVENT’S MAIN MISSION IS TO PROMOTE THE PERFORMING ARTS FOR SCHOOLS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE DANCE CLASSES AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN PLACE AT THEIR SCHOOL SITES. DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY IS USED AS AN OUTLET FOR STUDENTS TO SHARE AND GROW TOGETHER IN THEIR CRAFT. COMMON:UNITY SIMPLY MEANS A COMMUNITY UNITING WITH A COMMON INTEREST.

THIS REGISTRATION PACKET OUTLINES YOUR PART AS A PERFORMER IN THIS COMPETITION. ALL OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE LOCATED AT THE END OF THIS PACKET. PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF ANY IMPORTANT DEADLINES, AS WELL AS ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS BY THE COMMON:UNITY DANCE COMPETITION AND HMONG CULTURAL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR INQUIRES, PLEASE CONTACT:
SERENA & JADRIEN RIMORIN
CO-DIRECTORS
COMMONUNITYDANCECOMP@GMAIL.COM

DIRECTORS - PLEASE MAKE SURE TO READ AND REVIEW EACH PAGE CAREFULLY.
THERE ARE STRICT DEADLINES YOU AND YOUR TEAM NEED TO MEET. PLEASE ABIDE BY ALL EVENT GUIDELINES AND RELAY IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO THE COMMON:UNITY TEAM IMMEDIATELY!

**DEADLINE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 5**

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION THROUGH THIS REGISTRATION PROCESS. WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK! SEE YOU AT COMMON:UNITY DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION!

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COMMON:UNITY
*EVENT INFORMATION*

SUNDAY | JANUARY 1ST, 2023
FAIRGROUNDS OPEN: 9:00 AM
SHOW STARTS: 1:00 PM
THE BIG FRESNO FAIRGROUNDS
1121 SOUTH CHANCE AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93702
FACEBOOK EVENT: COMMONUNITYDANCECOMP
FAIR ENTRY FEE: TBD | ALL AGES

VENUE INFORMATION

- Venue policy prohibits any smoking or vaping on or near the premises.
- Hmong cultural new year celebration and Common:unity dance competition are not liable for any stolen, loss, or broken valuable. Please keep all valuables in your car.
- Please only bring the absolute necessary items you will need for the event.
- Parking may be limited in the parking lot. Parking at Chance and Butler for $8 or more. Please plan accordingly.
- Stage sizes approximately 40’l x 30’w.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Common:unity team has carefully selected each group before sending you this registration application. We encourage you to submit your registration materials early to ensure your placement within our lineup, select your preferred tech time, and avoid a late fee. Failure to register before the deadline without contacting the appropriate personnel will result in withdrawal and your team will be replaced. (Competition registration fee: $50 by November 1st and $75 after November 1st.)

*Please complete and submit - Registration form, team bio, team roster form, team photo, and registration payment to hcncy.

*Note: The number of dancers on-stage must match the number of dancers paid. If you or a team member will be performing with another team, please note in your roster which team member is dancing on another team and which team he or she will be performing with. (All dancers are only allowed to compete with one team).
ROSTER

Along with your registration form and registration fee/payment, please submit a finalized roster in excel format.

Note: in the same email you received this packet, there is a roster template you should download, fill out, and submit. You can use google sheets to open the excel file if you do not have an excel platform.

TICKET INFORMATION

Acceptance into the competition and registration fee does not include entrance into the fairgrounds, so all performers and guests will have to pay at the entrance.

Pricing into the fairgrounds: TBD
*Tickets and seats are first come first serve
*This event will be outside with seating available

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

1. The number of dancers on stage must match the number of dancers on the roster. The director is required to check-in and all team members present.
2. All dancers/teams must check-in between 10am-11am at the education building.
3. Current ID/School ID is required upon check-in. All dancers under the age of 13 or without a school ID will be able to check-in without one.
4. All person(s) are required to sign a performer waiver release form & personal injury form waiver form releasing both Hmong cultural new year celebration and Common:Unity from any liability and injury sustained during the event.
5. All dancers will check-in and keep their belongings in the “green room” at the education building during the performance. The “green room” will be a place for all teams to rehearse and is where runners will come and locate their dance groups to bring to the main stage for the performance.
6. Should there be any changes to your schedule you will be notified immediately.
7. The competition will begin promptly at 1pm on the main stage.

MUSIC GUIDELINES

- Routine length: competitors - 6 minutes max.
- Max. competitors who do not comply with this guideline may be subject to penalization on their performance.
- Please refrain from using explicit content in your routine, such as sexual or drug innuendos. Common:Unity dance competition attracts audience members of all ages and cultural backgrounds. Please keep it clean.
- If explicit lyrics occur in your music, you will be asked to re-edit and/or be disqualified from from the competition.
DIVISIONS

- JUNIOR DIVISION: COMPETITIVE TEAMS WITH DANCERS AGES 18 AND UNDER. (MUST STILL BE IN HIGH SCHOOL IF 18 YEARS OLD).
- OPEN DIVISION: COMPETITIVE TEAMS WITH DANCERS OF ALL AGES.

PLEASE INCLUDE ALL REQUESTED CORRESPONDENCE IN ONE EMAIL. YOUR TEAM ROSTER SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA EXCEL. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PDF AS IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO TRANSFER THE INFORMATION. YOUR TEAM PHOTO MUST BE SUBMITTED AS A JPEG, NO LESS THAN 300 DPI. ALL OTHER CORRESPONDENCE CAN BE SENT VIA PDF.

DIRECTORS - PLEASE HAVE PERFORMER WAIVER RELEASE FORMS AND PERSONAL INJURY WAIVER FORM READY AND SIGNED THE DAY OF. IT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO HAVE EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER PRINT OUT THEIR OWN FORMS AND TURN IT IN TO YOU AT YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE.

DEADLINE CHECKLIST

- REGISTRATION FORM, ROSTER & REGISTRATION FEES - ASAP (LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS NOVEMBER 1ST)
- W9 FOR ALL TEAMS - ASAP
- PERFORMER WAIVER RELEASE FORM - DAY OF THE EVENT

- PERSONAL INJURY WAIVER FORM - DAY OF THE EVENT
- TEAM PHOTO - ASAP
- ELECTRONIC COPY OF MUSIC - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2022

PRIZES & WINNERS

ALL TEAMS WILL NEED TO SUBMIT A W9 SHOULD THEY WIN, SO THAT HCYNC HAS IT ON FILE. ALL CHECKES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE WINNERS BY JANUARY 23RD, 2023. ALL WINNERS MIGHT ALSO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND ASKED TO PERFORM ON THE MAIN STAGE AGAIN ALONG WITH THE OTHER WINNERS FROM THE OTHER HCNYC COMPETITIONS.

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HMONG CULTURAL INFLUENCE

A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL COMPETING TEAMS WILL BE TO INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF 4 EIGHT (8) COUNTS OF CHOREOGRAPHY TO ATTACHED TRACK OF A REMIXED HMONG SONG, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE OVERALL SCORING. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE HMONG CULTURE. THE SONG WILL BE ATTACHED AS A LINK WITH THIS APPLICATION PACKET.
**REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL FORMS TO COMMONUNITYDANCECOMP@GMAIL.COM

METHOD OF PAYMENT:
CHECK PAYABLE TO HMONG CULTURAL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION (HCNYC)

**IMPORTANT** PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TEXT IN THE NOTE/MEMO SECTION:
- COMMONUNITY DANCE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FEE
- TEAM NAME AND WHAT DIVISION (JUNIOR/OPEN)

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COMPLETE AND SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM, REGISTRATION FEES, W9 FORM, TEAM PICTURE, TEAM BIO & ROSTER.

BY SIGNING THIS REGISTRATION FORM, YOU AGREE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIONS SET FORTH BY THE COMMUNITY DANCE COMPETITION.

**ALL CHOREOGRAPHY MUST BE ORIGINAL OR CAN LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.**

DIRECTOR/CONTACT SIGNATURE _________________________________ DATE __________
PERFORMER RELEASE WAIVER FORM

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT TO PRODUCE THE DANCE COMPETITION FILM CURRENTLY ENTITLED THE COMMONUNITY DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION. I HEREBY IRREVOCABLY GRANT TO HMONG CULTURAL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND COMMONUNITY DANCE COMPETITION (HENCEFORTH REFERRED TO AS “COMPANY”), ITS LICENSEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES, THE RIGHT (BUT NOT THE OBLIGATION, IN PERPETUITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN ALL MEDIA EITHER NOW OR THERETOFORE UNKNOWN, TO USE IN ANY MANNER THE COMPANY DEEMS APPROPRIATE, AND WITHOUT LIMITATION IN AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOTION PICTURE, STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF ME, RECORDING OF MY VOICE TAKEN OR MADE OF ME BY IT, ANY MUSIC SUNG OR PLAYED BY ME, AND MY ACTUAL OR FICTITIOUS NAME. ON MY OWN BEHALF, AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES, I HEREBY RELEASE THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS, LICENSEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE RIGHT GRANTED HEREUNDER, OR THE EXERCISE THEREOF, AS PROVIDED BY THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

DUE DATE FOR PERFORMANCE RELEASE WAIVER FORM: DAY OF THE EVENT

_____________________________________________________________
PERFORMER NAME (PRINT)

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PERFORMER SIGNATURE

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GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

_____________________________________________________________
DATE
PERSONAL INJURY WAIVER FORM

I, the undersigned, being aware of my own health and physical condition, and having knowledge that my participation in the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration and Common Unity Dance Choreography Competition may be injurious to my health, am voluntarily participating in the event.

Having such knowledge, I hereby acknowledge this release, any representatives, agents, and successors from liability for accidental injury or illness which I may incur as a result of participating in the event.

I agree to disclose any physical limitations, disabilities, ailments, or impairments which may affect my ability to participate in said event.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON (PRINT)

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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RELATIONSHIP TO PERFORMER

DUE DATE FOR PERSONAL INJURY WAIVER FORM:
DAY OF THE EVENT

PERFORMER SIGNATURE ________________________________ DATE ________________

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ________________________________ DATE ________________