

# 18th Biennial JAINA Convention

Jainism: World of Non-Violence

# Atlanta | July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

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## INVITATION TO ALL JAIN CENTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN "JAINA Rocks Tonight" Culture Show

Dear North American Jain Center Executives,

November 16, 2014

Jai Jinendra!

July 2015 is approaching faster than we know it and with it comes our opportunity to reunite with old friends, make new friends, and build lasting memories. Part of these lasting memories involve you and your individual Jain Center's unique and inspiring talents. We invite you to showcase your Jain Center by participating in JAINA 2015's exciting Cultural Program entitled "JAINA Rocks Tonight".

The convention theme is Jainism: World of Non Violence and we are expecting over 4,000 attendees from North America and around the world. What better way to participate in this global convention of family and friends? Please see the simple guidelines below and remember, JAINA will ROCK with your Jain Center's amazing talents!

### Guidelines for this program are listed below:

- 1) Entries representing our global Indian culture may include dances of traditional Classical, Fusion, Indo-Western, Folk, and Modern Indian origin and can be a single item or a medley.
- 2) Each Jain center can submit up to two entries (the time limit for each item is 3-5 minutes) and each item must have a group of six (6) or more participants (no individual performances).
- 3) Entries must be appropriate for JAINA Convention family attendees including young children. Note: Lyrics must be appropriate and suitable for all ages (ie: avoid certain Bollywood item numbers).
- 4) Selected entries will have final approval by the Cultural Committee based on artistic appeal, choreography, originality, synchronization, and music.
- 5) The deadline for the submission of the initial application is Dec 15, 2014 with audition tapes due on or before Feb 28, 2015. Final decisions will be made and communicated by Mar 31, 2015.
- 6) All participants will also take part in the Grand Finale focused on the conference theme (World of Non-Violence) and our Indian Heritage.

Please contact the below individuals with your initial application by Dec 15, 2014:

- Manish A. Shah (Atlanta based Culture Show Lead): 678-777-7424 / manishanilshah@hotmail.com
- Rupa Shah (Los Angeles based Culture Show Co-Lead): 562-833-6179 / raspfamily@hotmail.com

Each application should include the following information:

- Name of Jain Center
- Name and contact info for lead choreographer
- Dance category / music type (please share the song name if already selected)
- Number of anticipated participants

Thank you sincerely,

Marish Shah

Manish A. Shah and Rupa Shah

Culture Show Committee