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# Festival of Nations®

*Minnesota's Largest Ethnic Celebration*



August 13, 2002

To: 2002 Festival of Nations Ethnic Group General Chairs &  
Exhibit Chairpersons

From: Mary Paetzel, Festival of Nations Coordinator

Subject: 2002 Festival of Nations Theme

First I want to thank you and all your volunteers for their participation and a job well done at the 2001 Festival of Nations.

The theme for the 2002 Festival of Nations is **"GLOBAL HOMES AND GATHERING PLACES."** Please inform your Exhibit Chairperson of the theme. We think this theme will give your groups a variety of ideas which you can present in the Cultural Exhibit area.

We will be doing the meetings for the groups the same as last year for the 2002 Festival of Nations. Instead of a general meeting in December we will have the packets available for the groups to pick up over a 3 day time period, January 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. The groups can pick up their packets between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. those 3 days or in the evening of Jan. 2nd or Jan. 3rd between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

We will still send out the Participation forms in October and they will need to be returned in November. All groups that have signed up will need to pick up their packets on those dates in January. **We will have a general meeting on Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

We will send out more information on the dates for meetings. If you have any questions please call me at 651-647-0191.

If you have questions concerning the theme you can call Dan Westlund (Chair of the Exhibit Committee) at 651-633-8988.

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**Dates and times for the 2002 Festival of Nations are:**

**STUDENT HOURS:**

Thursday, April 25

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**GENERAL PUBLIC HOURS**

Friday, April 26

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Note Time Change)

Saturday, April 27

10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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The executive board of the India Association of Minnesota would like to extend welcome and thanks to you for participating in the Festival of India. We consider it an effective tool to inform and educate the broader Minnesota community about the heritage and contributions of the Indian-American people.

The India Association of Minnesota (IAM) is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious organization. It operates exclusively for educational, cultural and charitable purposes of the community at large. IAM, established in 1973 is the umbrella organization representing about 20,000 people of Indian origin in the State of Minnesota. For the past quarter century, IAM and its affiliated organizations have been responsible for building a strong, active and cohesive Indian community in Minnesota.

The Festival is held during the first weekend in October. We will need community businesses and organizations like yours to make it a success and hope that you will continue to participate in future. Please take some time to enjoy the festivities.

Sincerely,

*Bankim Desai*

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Program coordinator  
**Festival of India 2003**