
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: UNIVERSAL CULTURAL SOCIETY OF CANADA – MANGALA BHATT
PERFORMANCE**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,143.65 to cover the costs of the use of the James Cowan Theatre for Ms. Bhatt's dance performance on 2009 June 12.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2009 June 15, received and adopted the *attached* report providing a grant request assessment regarding the use of James Cowan Theatre for Ms. Bhatt's dance performance. The Committee noted this event falls within the guidelines of the Executive Committee for awarding grants for cultural activities that make a unique contribution and are sponsored by a non-profit society.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

Councillor P. McDonell
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: 2009 June 09

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: UNIVERSAL CULTURAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - MANGALA BHATT
PERFORMANCE

PURPOSE: Grant Request Assessment

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** an Executive Committee grant be provided in the amount of \$1,143.65 to cover the costs of the use of the James Cowan Theatre for Ms. Bhatt's dance performance on 2009 June 12.

REPORT

The Universal Cultural Society of Canada is a non-profit, community-based organization which promotes cultural harmony. Arun Kumar Suri, of the Society, has requested an Executive Committee grant to facilitate a performance by Ms. Mangala Bhatt of Kathak, a classical dance of North India. This request has also been received from the Consulate General of India in Vancouver, emphasizing the importance of showcasing a culturally significant dance style performed by a renowned dancer.

Ms. Mangala Bhatt, a master of the Kathak dance, has performed internationally including Afghanistan, Malaysia, Kazakhstan and the Philippines. Her performances in these countries were sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations having the goal of sharing 'Kathak' with the world. It has its origin in the narrative tradition of a village minstrel, or storyteller, who sang and danced of heroic tales and legends of the age. The performance at the James Cowan Theatre in June is an opportunity to offer the public an evening of viewing this intricate and graceful dance style by an artist who has received numerous accolades for her accomplishment in Kathak.

This event falls within the guidelines of the Executive Committee grants for cultural activities that make a unique contribution and are sponsored by a non-profit society. It is therefore recommended that a grant in the amount of \$1,143.65 be provided to cover the cost of the use of the James Cowan Theatre, theatre technician staff costs and Front of House support.

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From: Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Re: Universal Cultural Society of Canada - Mangala
Bhatt performance
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The organizer would be required to provide a refundable damage deposit of \$500.00

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Dave Ellenwood
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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