



Presents
**Gaan-Nipun Spardha - Semi-Classical
Hindustani Vocal Music Competition**
Rules and Guidelines

Pandit Jasraj Institute is pleased to announce a **semi-classical** Hindustani vocal music competition. Here are the Rules and Guidelines for participants.

Format of Competition

1. First Round: Submit (Email) Link to a video recording to: gaannipun@gmail.com
 - o Please see instructions below for privately sharing a link to Video.
2. Final Round: Participant must be present for a live performance in New Jersey

Eligibility

Participant must meet age requirements specified for each age category

Categories

1. 'Kali-Mukulit' (कलि-मुकुलित).....Upto 12 years of age
2. 'Pallavit' (पल्लवित).....13 - 19 years of age
3. 'Pushpit' (पुष्पित).....20 - 30 years of age

Participant must satisfy age requirements as of June 30, 2016 to be eligible for that age category.

Semi-classical styles included:

1. Bhajan (3 mins in first round; 5 mins in final round)
2. Thumri/Dadra/Chaiti/Kajri/Hori/Tappa (3 mins in first round; 5 mins in final round)

Note: Ghazals, film songs and other styles not explicitly mentioned above are **not** included in the permitted categories

Key Dates

1. Online Registration and Payment byJuly 17th, 2016
2. First round video submission byJuly 17th, 2016
3. First round results announced byAug 8 , 2016
4. Final round (live) in NJAug 27th/28th 2016 (Tentative)

Entry Fee

1. A one-time, non-refundable entry fee of \$40.00 is mandatory
2. Fee is payable by Check or PayPal (online link provided during registration). **No cash payment** will be accepted.

3. Check Payments:
 - Checks must be received by July 15th, 2016 to be considered eligible for competition; an Email confirmation will be sent to participant once check is received
 - Checks to be made payable to: Pandit Jasraj Institute
 - Please include Participant Name on Check
 - Checks should be Mailed to:
Anand Nilaya
90 Edgemere Road
Livingston, NJ 07039
 - Non-US participants, please contact us at: gaannipun@gmail.com

Entry Qualifications

1. First round video submission must be a solo **semi-classical composition** of your choice
2. All video presentations must be solo without any instrumental support or any other support except Tanpura and Tabla
3. A participant may submit video in only one style of semi-classical
4. Once an entry is submitted, it will be considered as the final entry
5. Primary communication is via Email. Application must have correct Email address.
6. Time limits should be followed strictly

How to Submit Video

1. First Round Videos should be uploaded to YouTube, and Link emailed to gaannipun@gmail.com
2. For instructions on how to Upload a Video to YouTube, please refer to : <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en>
3. Privacy Setting must be set to “**Unlisted**” when uploading your video. For how to set the privacy setting, refer to: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/157177>

Competition Rules

1. Decision of competition judges is **FINAL**
2. Pandit Jasraj Institute reserves the right to merge categories depending on number of responses
3. It is the responsibility of the participant to be available for all published dates of competition
4. All video presentations (First Round) must be solo without any instrumental support or any other support except Tanpura and Tabla. Participants may use a microphone
5. Final round will be a live performance in New Jersey
6. Participants selected for the final round,
 - will be notified by Email
 - will be responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements
 - are expected to bring their own musical accompaniments/instruments
 - must perform a Raag different from the Raag submitted in the first round
7. “**Mewati Sangeet Parv**” - Outstanding participant(s) selected at judges’ discretion may be invited to perform at the Mewati Sangeet Parv in September 2016 hosted by Pandit Jasraj Institute

- **“Mewati Sangeet Parv”** is a grand music concert in which legends including Padma Vibhushan honored, Sangeet Martand Pandit Jasraj ji perform. The concert features topmost artists in vocal and instrumental music.
8. Proof of Age - A Photo ID with age is required for verification during final round for ALL categories. A participant may be disqualified if unable to provide required proof of age documents
 9. Failure to comply with any of the rules of the competition could result in disqualification

With Best Wishes,
Pandit Jasraj Institute