



**pandit jasraj institute**  
for music research, artistry and appreciation  
the mewati gurukul  
a विश्वविद्यालय for north indian classical vocal music

Presents

**Gaan-Nipun Spardha 2021**  
Classical and Semi-Classical Vocal Music Competition

**Rules and Guidelines**

Pandit Jasraj Institute is pleased to announce the Gaan Nipun Spardha 2021 – A competition for Hindustani and Carnatic Classical and Semi-Classical vocal music.

Here are the Rules and Guidelines for participants.

**Format of Competition**

1. First Round: Submit (Email) Link to a video recording to: [gaannipun@pjim.org](mailto:gaannipun@pjim.org)
  - 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

**Categories:**

**Category 1- Classical (1.1 Hindustani, 1.2 Carnatic)**  
**Age Group**

**Age Criteria**

**Performance timing**  
**First Round (Final Round)**

'Kali-Mukulit' (कलि-मुकुलित)

Upto 12 years of age

5 minutes max (7 minutes max)

'Pallavit' (पल्लवित)

13 - 19 years of age

8 minutes max (10 minutes max)

'Pushpit' (पुष्पित)

20 - 40 years of age

8 minutes max (10 minutes max)

**Category 2 - Semi-Classical**

**Style i - Bhajan**

**Style ii - Thumri/Dadra/Chaiti/Kajri/Hori/Tappa**

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

**Age Group**

**Age Criteria**

**Performance timing**  
**First Round (Final Round)**

'Kali-Mukulit' (कलि-मुकुलित)	Upto 12 years of age	3 minutes max (5 minutes max)
'Pallavit' (पल्लवित)	13 - 19 years of age	3 minutes max (5 minutes max)
'Pushpit' (पुष्पित)	20 - 40 years of age	3 minutes max (5 minutes max)

Participant must satisfy age requirements as of June 30, 2021 to be eligible for that age group. A participant may participate in only one style per category (participants may compete in both Classical and Semi-classical competitions, but only one entry in each)

### Key Dates

1. Online Registration and Payment (non-refundable) - August 1, 2021
2. Video submission for First Round by August 1, 2021
3. First round results announced by September 5, 2021
4. Final round (live) in NJ (Tentative) – October 4, 2021 or Oct 11, 2021 (tentative)

### Entry Fee

1. A one-time, non-refundable entry fee of \$40.00 per category that a participant enters is mandatory
2. Fee is payable by Check or PayPal (online link provided during registration). **No cash payment** will be accepted.
3. Check Payments:
  - o Checks must be received by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered eligible for competition. An Email confirmation will be sent to participant once check is received
  - o Checks to be made payable to: Pandit Jasraj Institute
  - o Please include Participant Name on Check
  - o Checks should be Mailed to:  
Vaishnavi Bhawan  
130 Stafford Rd  
Colonia NJ 07067
  - o Non-US participants, please contact us at: [gaannipun@pjim.org](mailto:gaannipun@pjim.org)

### Entry Qualifications

1. **Classical/Semi-Classical categories**
  - o First round video submission must be a solo Hindustani vocal **OR** Carnatic vocal - **classical composition** of your choice
  - o Semi-classical or light music compositions will **NOT** be accepted for the Classical Category
  - o **Semi-Classical category**- First round video submission must be a solo **semi-classical composition** of participant's choice
2. All video presentations must be solo **without any support except Tanpura, Sruti Box, Tabla or Mridangam**. Participants may use a microphone.
3. Participants may compete in both Classical and Semi-classical competitions, but only one entry in each Category
4. Once an entry is submitted, it will be considered as the final entry
5. Primary communication is via E-mail.
6. First place winners from prior years are not eligible to participate if they are still within the same age group and category. **A change in either age group or category** will qualify them to participate.

### How to Submit Video

1. First Round Videos should be uploaded to YouTube, and Link emailed to [gaannipun@pjim.org](mailto:gaannipun@pjim.org)
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 dates of competition
4. All video presentations (First Round) must be solo without any instrumental support or any other support except Tanpura, Sruti Box, Tabla or Mridangam. Participants may use a microphone.
5. Final round will be a live performance in New Jersey
6. **Time limits specified should be followed strictly**
7. Participants selected for the final round:
  - will be notified by Email
  - will be responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements
  - **are expected to arrange for their own musical accompaniments/instruments and accompanying artistes**
  - must perform a Raag different from the Raag submitted in the first round for Classical
  - must perform a piece different from the one in the first round for Semi-Classical
8. Winners will be announced for each category
9. “**Mewati Sangeet Parv**” - Outstanding participant(s) selected at judges’ discretion may be invited to perform at the Mewati Sangeet Parv, hosted by Pandit Jasraj Institute (location TBD)
  - “**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.
10. 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
11. Failure to comply with any of the rules of the competition could result in disqualification

With Best Wishes,  
Pandit Jasraj Institute