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BICHITRA: A BENGALI RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Bichitra Community Newsletter

Together we can make a better community

Bichitra Celebrates Nababarsha on April 18, 2009

Bichitra warmly invites you and your family to join us at the 2009 Nababarsha program. Event Chairpersons Mousumi Majumdar, Sutapa Santra, and Debjani Nayak request your assistance in making the event a success. For more information about the event, please visit us at our website: <http://www.bichitra.org>.

Program Information:

When: Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 2:15 PM

Where: Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois, Troy MI 48083 Room 402.

Directions:

From I-696 East or West,

- Take I-75N toward Flint for about 8 miles
- Take exit 69, Big Beaver Rd.
- Turn right at exit and stay for approx 1/2 mile
- Take Michigan left turn at Livernois (northbound).
- Community Center will be on left.

From I-75 South,

- Take exit 69, E. Big Beaver Rd.
- Turn right at exit and stay for approx 1/2 mile,
- Take Michigan left turn at Livernois (northbound)
- Community Center will be on left.

Featured Artists:

This year's performers includes special guest artists as well as our community members.

Akram Hossain is the founder and Director of Bangla School of Music. Mr. Hossain is known for pioneering the spread of Bangla music in Michigan and other parts of the USA. He actively participates in variety of Bangla music concerts throughout the USA, and is the producer of two popular Rabindra Sangeet CDs.

Malasri Chaudhery-Malgeri is the founder and Director of her own company: AryaSurya Institute of Performing Arts, featuring Bollywood Dance Fit, Ballroom Dance. Malasri is a certified psychologist who has completed training as a Brain injury Specialist and pursuing additional certification.

Bangla Natok: In addition, a Bengali drama will be directed and performed by Sudipta Datta along with a few other Bichitra

members.

Path Bhaban Program: Our Path Bhaban children will also display their talents under the leadership of Swati Chakrabarti and Tania Ganguly.

Dinner Menu:

Adults: Rice, Ruti, Dal, Vegetable, Fish, Meat, Chutney, and Misti.

Children: Tandoori Chicken, Naan, and Pudding.

Registration:

Member Family: \$35

Member Single: \$20

Non Member Family: \$45

Non Member Single: \$25

Student Family: \$20

Student Single: \$10

To register for the Nababarsha program online, please go to: <http://members.bichitra.org/rsrv>

| 2009 Nababarsha Program Schedule | |
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| 1:00 PM | Doors open |
| 1:00-3:15 PM | Setup (Volunteers please) |
| 2:15-3:15 PM | Registration, |
| 3:15-3:20 PM | Welcome Address |
| 3:20-3:50 PM | Parom Bonnerjee-monologue (on the lighter side) |
| 3:50-4:40 PM | Path Bhaban Program |
| 4:40-5:55 PM | General Body Meeting: President's report, Presentation on proposed constitution & bylaws, Q&A |
| 4:00 -7:30 PM | Voting on Proposed Constitution and Bylaws |
| 6:20-7:20 PM | Dinner |
| 7:20-8:50PM | Cultural Program |

No Increase in Membership Dues in 2009-2010

Due to current economic conditions, the Governing Body has voted to have NO increase in membership dues for 2009-2010. Renewals are due on the day of the Nababarsha program (at the front desk). Your early renewal will help us in our bookkeeping and finances.

Bichitra members enjoy many rights, including discounted rates to all events, discussion and voting privileges, and access to the members-only area of bichitra.org. Bichitra patrons are requested to avail a one time annual subscription of \$270, which includes membership and

access to all regular events for the 2009-2010 year.

Membership Rates:

Family: \$35.00

One-time Membership (includes regular event fees): \$270

Bichitra Announces Nominees for 2009-2010 Governing Body

Bichitra's new fiscal year will begin on May 1. The nominees for the 2009-10 Governing Body are:

President: Biswajit Dhar
Vice-President: Ratan Howlader
Deputy President: Ramu Chatterjee
Secretary: Sudipta Datta
Assoc Secretary: Mousumi Majumdar
Asst Secretary: Subra Ahmed
Treasurer: Ashish Poddar
Assoc Treasurer: Pijush Roy
Asst Treasurer: Tania Ganguly
Junior Advisor: Shyama Haldar

Junior Preserver: Subhajit Sengupta
Junior Planner: Animesh Das
Junior Auditor: Deb Bonnerjee
Social Services Junior Organizer: Anindya Roy
Education Comm Principal Organizer: Pranab Saha
Education Comm Senior Organizer: Maitreyee Paul
Education Comm Junior Organizer: Sudip Nath



Please cast your vote for the proposed Constitution and Bylaws at the Nababarsha program.

Discussion on Proposed Bylaws

A special meeting has been arranged to discuss with members interested in why the Bichitra Constitution and Bylaws are being reformed, and to answer any questions members may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

When: April 3, 2009 at 7:30 pm
Location: Troy Community Center, Room 301.



Message from the President

This is my last message as the President of Bichitra 2008-09. On behalf of the entire Governing Body of Bichitra, I would like to thank you for your support and trust in us. In the past one year I heard from many of you that we have performed well. I got an e-mail from a Member recently saying "I just wanted to take some time to let you know how much I appreciated the fairness of the process during your leadership". Thank you! Friends, without your support we would not have been able to do all these. It is a Team Effort and without the team we cannot do well. So please give yourself a round of applause.



I want to take a minute to thank you all for coming to our Saraswati Puja on January 31st. Thanks to Animesh Das, Keshav Rakshit, Jaydip Chakrabarti, and you for making the day a memorable one.

I am very much concerned of our current economy. As the economy struggles, we all are facing great uncertainty. These are challenging times. Many of our friends in the Bichitra community have been

severely affected by the economic conditions of the country. I feel for them. Bichitra is our extended family, home away from home. These are the times when we really need to be together so we can ride out the storm. You all are helping us to do that, and for that I am thankful.

With time as an organization gets bigger, it faces challenges to run the organization properly unless there is a proper structure. Sometimes we need to review the structure and make sure this is sound and effective for the purpose of the organization. If not we need to revise the structure. Our constitution and bylaws is our structure. Since we have prepared the constitution and bylaws and had this approved by the members of Bichitra, there have been many changes and challenges to our organization. We have been able to ride through those, but we also realized that the constitution and bylaws need to be reformed and be compliant with regulatory requirements as well as maintain the Organization's current Non-Profit status. Therefore, we have drafted a proposed constitution and bylaws incorporat-

ing many changes necessary such that the Organization can run smoothly. The details of the proposed constitution and bylaws will be presented in the General Body meeting during the Nababarsha program on April 18, 2009, so the Members of Bichitra can cast their vote on that day for the approval of the proposed constitution and bylaws.

We have been able to acknowledge many Bichitra members for their commitment to and hard work for Bichitra over the years. I hope we continue to do that. Friends, we need to recognize our peers for their effort. If we do not, nobody else will. Therefore, as we get ready to celebrate Nababarsha and hand over the baton to the new Governing Body, I assure you my dear friends, it is all about appreciating each other for our effort in making Bichitra a great organization. Together we can make a better community.

Have fun.
God bless you.
Regards,

Pranab Saha

