

Preface – Saraswati Puja

With the year quickly drawing to a close, it is a good time to take a few moments to reflect upon our past year. Throughout 2016, Bichitra came together as an extended family to celebrate things we value as a community. Our next event is primarily focused in making Bichitra more relevant to our next generation in our quest to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Bengal. We cordially invite you to join us during Saraswati Puja with your family and friends on **Saturday, February 4, 2017** at

Venue

The Bharatiya Temple of Metropolitan Detroit
6850 North Adams Road
Troy, MI 48098

Schedule

09:00 am – Registration	01:00 pm – Art Exhibition
10:00 am – Puja	01:30 pm – Cultural Program
11:00 am – Hatey Khari	06:00 pm – Aarati & Bisarjan
11:30 am – Anjali	06:30 pm – Dinner*
12:00 pm – Prasad & Lunch*	07:30 pm – Closing

**Prasad, lunch and dinner will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.*

Suggested Event Fees

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Kids (under 5)	FREE
Kids (5 – 15 years)	\$10 per person
All others (members and students*)	\$25 per person
All others (non-members)	\$30 per person

**Student ID is required to receive student discounts.*

Cultural Program

As always, we encourage the children & youth of our community to showcase their talent during the Saraswati Puja celebrations. Please submit the details including **performer name, type of performance, length of performance time and any special requirements** no later than **Saturday, January 21, 2017** at abhrozworld@gmail.com. Any request received after the deadline may not be considered.

2017 – 2018 Governing Body Nominations

Nominations for 2017 – 2018 Governing Body members are underway. All dues paying regular members of Bichitra are eligible to participate in the nomination process. Regular members of Bichitra are requested to send in complete nomination form by mail or email to the Preservation Committee no later than Wednesday, **February 15, 2017**. For more details, please refer to the attached nomination form.



Glimpses of Durga Puja celebrations, 2016



Durga Puja and Holiday Party Update



Glimpses of Holiday Party celebrations, 2016



2016 Bichitra Durga Puja and Holiday Party celebrations were great success. Thanks to the event chairs and their teams for their tireless efforts to make some more long-lasting memories. We also extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our members, donors, sponsors, patrons and well-wishers for incredible help and support throughout the year.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2017

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