

Shan~e~Punjab Dance School

Ethnic Dress Rental Form

Please note we do not call our Ethnic Dress a “costume”, they are the pride of a nation, and or a country.

The Ethnic Dress is a dress that represents the Punjabi and Indian culture which the school takes great pride. Purchasing ethnic dresses has been unsuccessful in the past; it has been more rewarding to have custom-made dresses. A custom-made dress allows for more creativity, alteration and in the long run is much less expensive than purchasing one. The \$50.00 cost includes the labour for a seamstress, fabric, elastic or a nalla (string to hold up the pants), duppatta (veil) and trim. The average rate in Victoria for an Indian seamstress was at \$20 per suit in 1997, however, we realized that the purple suits we had made in the fall of 2006, including the dupatta plus lining but not including cost for fabric, trim and elastic, for ages 7-10 was \$30.00. Although the prices have gone up in Victoria for custom-made dresses, my experience since 1993 has been that parents/students are much happier with this approach.

All ethnic dresses are cared for, washed and ironed by the teachers or rather me and I bring them to each performance for each student. Students are asked to come prepared wearing comfortable clothing that they can change into after their performance. As well we ask students to bring with them ample bobby pins and safety pins to each performance. All students are to respect their ethnic dresses by placing them back onto their appropriate hangers, except the younger one’s who will receive assistance from teachers and/or volunteers; and then to ensure the teacher (s) is aware that their dress has been returned.

Each student will be asked to bring with them to one of the classes during the first couple of weeks an ethnic dress of their own, so that we can provide a sample to the seamstress. We will also try to ask the seamstress to come to the school to measure each student during one of the lessons.

The cost for rental of an ethnic dress for each student is \$50.00. This is a non-refundable fee.

Name of student(s): _____

Print name of parent(s): _____

Signature of Parent(s): _____ Date: _____

By signing this form the parent(s) or student (s) do agree that any cost incurred due to a tear or damage resulting from carelessness or negligence is the responsibility of the parents(s). We expect all students to follow basic ethical principles of honesty, trust and respect.