

Sikh Sangat of Virginia 1st. Cultural Program at West Springfield High School Virginia



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Friends of Sikh Sangat of Virginia held their first annual cultural program, Rangla Punjab, at West Springfield High School on December 5th, 2009. The hall was almost full, in spite of snow and bad weather, people braved it and supported us in a big way by their showing at the show. The hall was filled with our guests even before 5 pm and supported our vendors by tasting the foods of Punjab. Our guests loved the food so much that they again asked for more after the show. The show was packed with energetic entertainment items right from the start to the end. The show started by a shabbad recited by our young children, our future. Then our two MC's, Kulwinder Singh and Harjeet Mahal, took over and had our guests laughing



with their true blue Punjabi jokes. Our guests were in the music right from the start by clapping, whistling, dancing in the aisles and hallway. This gave a huge encouragement to our over 150 participants. The show lasted over 4 hours. A special tribute was given to Mr. Satnam S. Othee, who was well like by our community. Our guests ap-

preciated it. The show was jam packed with bhangra by George Mason Univ. team that stole the hearts of our guests, Remix Punjabi dance by Punjabi Princesses, DC Bhangra team, ladies Jaggo, Live singing band, Mr. Bhogal and family entertained us with their electrifying bhangra that had our guests jumping from their seats with joy, and many,

many more items over 33. There was an interesting free style dhol competition between a boy and a girl and guess what? The girl won the heart of our guests. The show had something for everyone from our small children to aunts and uncles. There were great colorful slides of our Punjab fields and streets being shown in the back ground

The Rangla Punjab grand finale was the getting together of our participants and our guests, who joined us on the stage and together performed bhangra for over 30 minutes and would still not want to stop. The aisles were full and the hallway was full of people dancing. It gave a true feeling of a mela. The show went on till 11:35 pm. It could have gone on and on but we ran out of time. Since then, we have been receiving a large number of emails and phone calls congratulating us of the great success we had in our very first annual cultural show. We could see smiles and happiness on the faces of our guests. We are glad that we were a very small part to see them end 2008 in stresses and challenges that they went thru and now to end the 2009 with smiles and happiness. (SSManku)