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|  **MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL****(MUSICAL RAMANAVAMI UTSAVAM)** |

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|   ***ramaand sita******You are cordially invited to attend, with family and friends, a Music and Dance Festival in Austin (23rd Year celebrations of Ramanavami Utsavam). Here are the details:******Date: Saturday, March 24,2018*** ***Venue:***  **CD. Fulks Middle School, 300 W.Anderson Avenue, Round Rock, 78664*Talented vocalists, dance teachers and students will perform. Although the program is open to the public free of charge, we will appreciate liberal donations to defray organization costs. Snacks will be available during the duration of the entire program.***  ***As in previous years, we have an essay competition - we invite submissions for a write up on the themes selected from The Ramayana. There will be 2 categories of submissions - ages 7 to 11 and ages 12 to 16. The article should not exceed 500 words. The details of the topics for the age groups and registration form can be found in the IFA web site*** [***www.austinifa.org***](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?IndiaFineArtsInc/43431fa9cb/9e406b0b5d/fcac749141)***. The last day for Registration For the Essay Competition is Jan 22, 2018. The chosen articles will be published in the IFA Website, in the prestigious Katha foundation newsletter, cash awards and appropriate personal recognition will be given.***  ***If you have any questions, please contact IFA (512-918-1351) or*** ***indiafinearts@hotmail.com*** ***We hope you will attend this fantastic cultural and community-based program and receive Lord Rama's blessings.*** **Ramanavami  Utsavam** **(Event sponsored by Austin India Fine Arts)**Rules and GuidelinesRegistration is mandatory to participate in the essay competition (please use the registration form attached below – you may also find this registration form on the IFA website –www.austinifa.org – and at the Austin Hindu Temple)1. Registration fee is $10.00 per entry and should accompany the registration form
2. There are two categories for participants:
	* Group I: Ages 7-11
	* Group II: Ages 12-16

 3. The essay should be about Lord Rama and should be written relevant to the titles below: ***Group I*:** In the great epic Ramayana, significant role is played by Hanuman. He is well liked by Children for his great qualities. He showed qualities such as devotion, respect, discipline, selflessness, loyalty, friendship, service and valor, Choose one of the qualities You like and illustrate it through relevant Ramayana Episode. ***Group II***: In the story of Ramayana, Kaikei gets three boons from  King Dasaratha. Describe the circumstances under which it was  given and what is the impact of them on the story of  Ramayana. (Both positive and negative impacts)The essay should not exceed 500 words. It should be in the participant’s own words. Non-original work will be disqualified (No Picture Illustration Allowed)1. Deadline for registration is January 22, 2018. Final essays must be submitted no later than March 4, 2018. Registration at “austinifa.org” or by mail to: 9917 Spicewood Mesa, Austin, TX 78759. Soft copy of the essays should be emailed to rama.essay2018@gmail.com and jnagarajan@aol.com
2. Please note that we \*will\* need soft copies in Microsoft Word format to enable us to send to our judges. First and second cash prizes will be awarded in each category. Prizes will be awarded at the Ramanavami Utsavam. Participants must be present.  Please email rama.essay2018@gmail.com in case of any questions.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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  Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Registration Deadline: January 22, 2018.** Please remember to email your registration to rama.essay2018@gmail.com, jnagarajan@aol.com or mail to: 9917 Spicewood Mesa, Austin, TX 78759. Do not forget to attach your registration fee ($10.00) with your registration. Please make all checks payable to “India Fine Arts”. You may also make this payment using PayPal ($10.50). |
| Note:- If there are not enough entries , the essay competition will be cancelled |

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