

# A Report on 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baisakhi Function 2012

The Second Annual Baisakhi Function was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Mid-South Punjabi Heritage Foundation (MSPHF) on April 21, 2012 at The Great Hall, Germantown, TN. Baisakhi



is one of the major harvest festivals celebrated across the Northern Indian subcontinent mainly in Punjab. For the Sikh community, the Festival has tremendous religious significance. For the large farming community of Punjab, Baisakhi marks a New Year, it is also a time to harvest winter crops. Both men and women are in full mood and spirit to enjoy the fruits of their hard work and celebrate by performing traditional folk dance Bhangra and Gidda. The dance is extremely

energetic with bright colorful costumes and is performed in groups on the beat of Dhol.

Besides the celebration of Baisakhi, the function supported a great cause, with the involvement of American & Asian Indian Charitable Trust. AAICT provides funds for children affected with cancer in India and around subcontinent. Mr. Gautam Malhotra, the Vice-President of AAICT briefly gave an overview of this organization.



The function was attended by more than 250 guests mainly from Memphis and Mississippi area.

The program included a DJ and Professional Bhangra Group ((Indaglow Productions, Jay Gandhi), Desi Girls Group, Singers (Musipals), The ambience of the Hall with beautiful lighting perfectly matched the overall theme of the festival comprising bright colors and

vibrancy artistically chosen by Ms. Deepa Ganesan.

With Jay's great selection of music and excellent Bhangra Team, everyone had a great time dancing. A well-choreographed Giddha dance by Ms. Amarjit Keshav with bright beautiful costumes was a pleasure to watch. Fast track Punjabi songs sung by talented Memphis singers Mr. Anil and Mr. Srinivas kept everyone on the dance floor and won the hearts of the guests. Both the MC's Dr. Manjit and Ms. Amarjit coordinated the event in a highly professional manner and kept it moving smoothly as they interacted with guests. Other highlights from the show included games, and raffles that kept everyone in the hall engaged and entertained. It was a fun filled memorable evening.



We would like to extend our thanks to all the volunteers, MSPHF members and AAICT members, that made this function possible. Thank you to all our sponsors, without you this would not have been possible.

***The Mid-South Punjabi Heritage Foundation (MSPHF) is a not-for-profit community service organization devoted to promoting Punjabi culture, language, education performing arts, good citizenship, healthy life style, and sports in Memphis, TN area.***

Upcoming events: The next festival "Tian" for ladies will be celebrated on 28th July (Sat) 4:00pm - 10:00pm at the Pickering Memorial Center, 7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown.



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