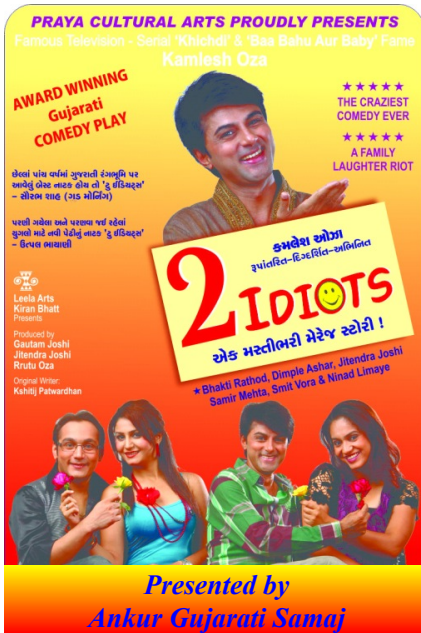




March 2014 Newsletter



Award Winning Gujarati Comedy Play: "2 IDIOTS"

DATE: Sunday, March 9th 2014

- **TIME: 6.30 pm**
- **VENUE: MUNTZ THEATER at UC Blue Ash**
(Formerly - Raymond Walters)
- **ADDRESS: 9555 Plainfield Rd., Blue Ash, OH 45236**
- **TICKET PRICE: \$50 & \$30 (Assigned seating)**
- **Refreshments will be sold by Tandoor**

TICKET CONTACTS:

Bharti Noticewala: 513 563 2007
Julie Desai: 513 560 2232
Sangeeta Desai: 513 874 1190

Ankur website is now
www.ankurcinci.org

Smita Patel: 513 259 4717

TICKET OUTLETS:

Bombay Grocers: 513 733 5050, 11965 Lebanon Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241

Patel Brothers: 513 769 0400, 11985 Lebanon Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241

Niva Grocers: 513 234 0888, 6182 Tylersville Rd, Mason, OH 45040

Adapted by celebrated actor director Kamlesh Oza from popular TV shows "Khichdi" and "Baa Bahu aur Baby". After presenting Siddharth Randeria's Gujjubhai series, Praya Cultural Arts is proud to present TV Fame Kamlesh Oza's award winning hilarious, Gujarati Play "2 IDIOTS" to U.S.A & Canada! 2 idiots has performed over 200 shows worldwide and has been getting rave reviews by critics, won several awards and after every show received standing ovations.

Please follow "2 Idiots" on <https://www.facebook.com/2idiotsagujjuplay>

2014 Ankur Annual Membership (January to December 2014) is now due.

Annual Membership:

\$35 (Before March 31st 2014)

\$45 (After March 31st 2014)

Life Membership: \$501

Please mail your Ankur membership check, payable to "Ankur Gujarati Samaj" and membership form (attached) to: ANKUR, c/o Hema Shukla, 9502 Highland Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Please contact Hema Shukla at 513 232 6448 or hema1993@aol.com for membership

related questions

2014 ANKUR CALENDAR

Add these dates to your calendar

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| March 9 th Sunday - | Guajarati play “2 Idiots” Muntz hall |
| May 17 th Saturday- | Mothers day at Ankur |
| June 13 th Friday - | Movie Night at Ankur |
| July 19 th Saturday - | Fun Mela and used Indian clothing sale |
| August 23 rd Saturday- | Janmashtami celebration |
| September 10 th Sunday - | Health Fair |
| September 24 th Wednesday- | Navratri begins |
| October 3 rd Friday - | Dashera, Havan and Puja at Ankur |
| October 10 th Friday - | Sharad Purnima |
| October 25 th Saturday - | Diwali dinner |



WELCOME!

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Ankur^{1st} floor renovations have started. While the renovations are in progress, the first floor will not be available for use.

Call out to the community!

2014 Ankur Committee is being formed now and few positions are still open. Please step up, get involved and volunteer to be part of 2014 Operating Committee or Board of Trustees. Please contact Bharti Noticewala at bnoticewala@gmail.com or 513 563 2007 to sign up or for further information.



Saturday Feb 8th 2014
Group of benevolent fitness enthusiasts enjoyed a fun-filled 3 hour Zumba®/ Yoga-thon at Ankur.

Proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the Andrew B. Foundation to provide educational scholarships for needy students in Kenya to attend high school. Event organizer, Maggie Githuku: Founder of ABF - Transforming the lives of Kenyan children through Education! www.andrewbfoundation.org

*What would you like added to Ankur community?
Would you like to share a recipe, activity idea, interesting article,
uplifting words of wisdom etc. to Ankur newsletter, Facebook page or
website? Please email your ideas and suggestions to Julie Desai at
anknewsletter@gmail.com*



Mid West Regional FOGANA 2014

July 19th in Detroit!!!

Inviting Choreographers and Participants for all groups – Minor, Junior, Senior and Adults to participate in the competition!

Please contact: Nita Parikh nitamehtaparikh@yahoo.com or Smita Patel smitasm@aol.com to register

Mandatory Meeting will be held on Sunday March 30, 2014 2-4pm to meet the choreographers and to answer any questions regarding Fogana. Parents and Participants are requested to attend.



Monday Yoga
With Herman Ranpuria
Weekly – Monday, 6:30 - 8 PM

YOGA FEES:

March & April: Ankur Members \$35
 Single class: Ankur Members \$5, Non Members \$6
 Whole Year Session fees: Ankur Members \$170

Please contact Jyoti Mehta at 518-0677 or
jjmweare@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday Yoga
With Dilruba Rahman
Weekly – Saturday, 8:30 – 9:30 AM

YOGA FEES:

March & April: Ankur Members \$25
 Single class: Ankur Members \$4, Non Members \$5
 Whole Year Session fees: Ankur members \$100

Please contact Dilruba Rahman at 513-519-0631
dilruba6120@gmail.com for more information.

Seasoned yogis as well as beginners are invited to join **Ankur Yoga** taught by excellent certified Yoga instructors. Along with reducing stress, Yoga increases flexibility, strength, circulation and concentration. **Embrace Yoga and commit to a healthy mind and body.**

Please bring your own yoga mat



ZUMBA with Smita Patel
Weekly – Thursday 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 March & April fees: Ankur Members \$25

Single class fees: Members \$4, Non Members \$5
 Whole Year Session fees: Ankur members \$100

Announcing Zumba at Ankur with Smita Patel, Licensed Zumba Fitness Instructor.

Join in for an hour of high-energy workout. Please contact Smita Patel at 513-259-4717 or
smitsm@aol.com for more information



BRING YOUR OWN LIGHT WEIGHT AND BELLY-DANCING SCARF FOR MORE FUN!



BRIDGE

Weekly – Wednesday 6:45 PM – 10:30 PM



Bridge for beginners at Ankur.

Interested in learning Bridge? Come over to Ankur Bridge Club in a group of 4 players and Bhupen Joshi will teach the basics of this game for a nominal charge.

Anyone who enjoys **Bridge** is invited to come and play on Wednesday nights at ANKUR.

Players should arrive at 6:45 PM so everyone can help set up tables and equipment downstairs.

The aim is to be seated with partners by 6:50 PM so play can begin. A prompt start is to achieve a timely finish. All bridge players are invited to come, play, and have fun. Join us!

Please contact Hari or Rekha Budev at 793-5951 or Bhupen Joshi at 489-1077 for more information.



Drop-In Center – Homeless Shelter Lunch

Monthly: Thursday, March 20th, 2014

(Second Wednesday every month)



For over 12 years, Ankur volunteers have quietly and consistently served at The Drop-In Center monthly lunch, traditional Thanksgiving meal, winter wear at Christmas as well as donations to those who are homeless in Cincinnati serving society and those in need.

A group of truly devoted Ankur volunteers led by Bharti Noticewala and Rashmikant Patel donate, prepare and serve lunch to over 150 homeless people every month at The Drop-In Center which is Greater Cincinnati's largest homeless shelter, located in Over-the-Rhine. Thanks to this generous and caring group from Ankur community who donate funds, food items and time making these monthly lunches possible. A true spirit of charity!

To help serve lunch or donate food items or money, please contact Julie Desai 560-2232 or Bharti Noticewala 563-2007.



Ankur Book Club Monthly: Date to be announced

Ankur Book Club members meet once a month at Ankur or Minal Patel's residence. Book club is led by Minal Patel and members enjoy reading and meeting for discussion an array of interesting books. Please contact Minal Patel at 234-0569 to join Ankur Book Club or for more information.

ANKUR thrives with on-going activities like Yoga, Bridge Club, Book Club, Silver Innings, Drop-In center lunch as well as youth events, social, religious and charitable events, thanks to a strong Ankur community.

Your support and involvement is much appreciated!



Numerous big hearted Ankur members gave voluntarily, their pledges, donations and support for Phase 2 of Ankur building renovation.

Many thanks to all the donors!

This endowment is a foundation for Phase 2; however for complete renovation of Ankur building, funds from the whole community are vital.

Be part of Ankur vision and transformation "A new modern Ankur building – A center for our community" and PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY!



Please mail donation check payable "Ankur Gujarati Samaj" to ANKUR, 9502 Highland Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Please contact Vijay Parikh at 733-0245 or Bharti Noticewala at 563-2007 if you have any questions.

Donor List for Phase 2 of Ankur Building Renovation(* tax receipts – mailed to donors)

<u>Paid Name</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. Sheth, Uday & Nandita - 131	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
2. Shukla, Amul & Smruti -117	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
3. Shukla, Chitu & Hema - 118	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
4. Stanley, Lilam - 119	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
5. Bhutta, Pravin & Rajal – 137*	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
6. Budev, Chandu & Manju - 129	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
7. Budev, Hari & Rekha - 130	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
8. Budhdev, Sharad/Kiran & Arti -120	Front Doors	Front Doors
9. Desai, Abhijit & Julie, Gokli, Hansaben -135	\$1,001.00	\$1001.00Paid
10. Desai, Shwetal & Sangita	\$500	\$500.00 Paid
11. Desai, Rajan & Shilpa - 101	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
12. Hegde, Suren & Jyoti -133	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
13. Hemani, Haresh & Geeta – 134	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
14. Joshi, Bhupen & Dorothy - 102	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
15. Karamchandani, Khush & Mina - 103	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
16. Mehta, Jayesh & Jyoti	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
17. Mehta, Monal & Kausha -139	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
18. Mehta, Nalin & Ila - 104	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
19. Mehta, Arun & Sudha	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
20. Noticewala, Natver & Bharti - 141	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
21. Noticewala, Chandrakant & Daksha - 123	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
22. Pai, Prakash & Sujata - 105	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
23. Parikh, Indravadan & Jyoti - 106	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
24. Parikh, Kishu & Kirti -126	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
25. Parikh, Narendra & Sarla - 107	\$ 151.00	\$151.00 Paid
26. Parikh, Tushar & Rasila - 108	\$ 101.00	\$101.00 Paid
27. Parikh, Vijay & Asha - 109	\$ 500.00	\$501.00 Paid
28. Patel, Dilesh & Neeta - 110	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
29. Patel, Hiten & Rupal -142	\$ 150.00	\$150.00 Paid
30. Patel, Jagdish & Nita - 122	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
31. Patel, Jayant & Kapi -124	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
32. Patel, Ketan & Mala - 111	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
33. Patel, Kishor & Kusum - 112	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
34. Patel, Minal - 113	\$ 701.00	\$701.00 Paid
35. Patel, Pradip & Kumud - 125	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
36. Patel, Rashmikant & Jyoti - 114	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
37. Patel, Shashank & Pallavi - 140	\$ 501.00	\$501.00 Paid
38. Ranpuria, Hemansu & Preya - 115	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
39. Rathod, Hardas & Asha – 127	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
40. Sanghvi, Vijay -132	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
41. Shah, Bharat & Meena - 116 and 143	\$ 500.00	\$500.00 Paid
TOTAL	\$19,616	\$19,616 Paid

Thank You!