


NABC 2008 March News Letter




March is gone; the incessant snow and the associated miseries of winter driving is almost a fading memory; the anticipation of the glorious opening of NABC 2008 less than three months away, has put a glow of warmth on the faces of Toronto Bengali community. We are excited, we are impatient and we are eager to welcome and meet our friends from all over North America, Europe and India to join us in this annual celebration of fine arts and culture.

We have great news for you:




Beginning April 14 (*Poila Boisakh*), the excitement of Toronto NABC 2008 will come to you in a radio-like show. The unique Podcast "Countdown to Banga Sammelan" is brought to you by our online media partner website www.banglapodcast.com and will feature interviews with our celebrity performers, media clips, details about the event and behind-the-scenes tours of the meticulous organization the Sammelan involves.



You can be a part of the shows as well and win attractive gifts. For the ultimate flexibility of listening, you can catch the episodes through www.nabc2008.com, on your cell phones or download to your iPod or mp3 player for listening on-the-go. The show heralds the beginning of *Bangla Nababarsha* and will take you through to July 4th for the gala event.




Our associate, RICE Group of Kolkata, has been working hard in




helping us to raise funds. So far they have registered four sponsors and nine exhibitors and we expect that there will be many more.

Our food group has now finalized a children's menu to complement the exciting platter already posted on our website for all our adult patrons. Please hurry up with your food registration; you would not want to miss out on this unique presentation from one of Toronto's premier restaurateurs.



We are pleased to announce that the young upcoming singer **Aneek Dhar** who was the winner of the 2007 Zee TV Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Challenge will be performing at NABC 2008.

Program and registration details for the Business Forum, which will be held as part of NABC 2008, are now available on our Website.



We have scheduled a large slate of performances by artists from all over North America and details are posted on our Website. We believe that you will be impressed by the wide variety of music, dance and other fine arts programs being offered.

The program schedule, catering to the varied taste of our patrons, will ensure that they are kept occupied during the three days of the conference.



We want to take this opportunity to urge all of you "our patrons", to publicize the **multicultural aspects of NABC 2008** to your

friends and acquaintances whose first language is not Bengali.

Please tell them about the colorful stalls of vendors from India and North America; the mouth watering East Indian cuisine; the songs; the music; the jovial greetings combined with laughter of over 6,000 patrons dressed in their best holiday attire which render a unique character to the three days of festivity at the conference.

Kindly convey to them that our programs include:

- ☞ The Opening Ceremony whose dance style incorporates movements from Manipuri and other Classical South Asian dance forms into Western dance movements
- ☞ Modern vocal and film songs by **Kumar Sanu** one of the most prolific singers in the Indian film industry
- ☞ Indian Classical Vocal featuring various artists performing Ragapradhan, Thumri and Devotional songs
- ☞ Shehnai recital by the internationally acclaimed maestro **Ustad Ali Ahmad Hossain Khan** from India
- ☞ Odissi dance; Kathak dance; Creative dance in Uday Shankar style
- ☞ Dance drama using Indian classical & contemporary dance forms

☞ The Closing Ceremony choreography is based on folk and contemporary Indian style dances.

- ☞ Film Festival
- ☞ Art Exhibition
- ☞ Seminars on Health, Information Technology and Environment

Please tell your friends to visit www.nabc2008.com for full details

We hope you share our excitement as we eagerly wait to enjoy the cultural extravaganza of NABC 2008.