

President's Message

Dear Telugu Fine Arts Society members and friends:

On behalf of the TFAS and Executive Committee, (EC) I would like to extend warm wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year and Sankranti subhakanthulu to our TFAS Telugu kutubam. The TFAS EC is extremely proud of our accomplishments in 2008 and look forward to a more fulfilling 2009. Several initiatives are already underway to make sure that we bring a variety of programs to our members. Year 2009 marks the TFAS 25th Anniversary and plans to celebrate this event in a grand way are already underway. More information regarding the 25th Anniversary will be forthcoming shortly. We want all of you to not only attend but also encourage volunteering your time and ideas to make this a memorable event for generations to come.

As many of you know, TFAS celebrated 2009 Sankranti function on January 18 at the Bridgewater Temple. The function was a stupendous success under able guidance of Manju Bhargava, our annual events chair, Girija Kolluri, our youth activities chair, and Dr. Ramakrishna Seethala our vice president. These three individuals have spent tremendous amount of time to plan, organize and execute the event successfully. Despite of the adverse snowy weather, the number of participants at this function was the highest in TFAS history. There were approximately 250 participants with well over 500 audiences in attendance. Despite of the sub zero weather the program started on-time at 10 AM. Girija Kolluri did an excellent job by mobilizing a nine-person youth sub-committee, who were responsible for running the show and the EC stayed in the background. I strongly urge all of you to encourage our youth to participate and take lead on various TFAS activities as a part of their community service. We are making sure that their time is well spent and the activities they are assigned are fun-filled and rewarding for them.

Manju Bhargava with the help of Girija Kolluri coordinated the entire event through tireless effort and managed various programs on the stage, while Ramakrishna Seethala, Rohini Kumar Vemula and Anand Paluri coordinated the off stage activities. Programs at the function included classical and folk dances, fancy dress, Telugu poem narration, Telugu text reading, instrumental music, singing, plays and skits, bommalu koluvu, rangoli, posters on rivers of India, etc. Participants included people of all ages including children as young as three years old. Winners of the competitions were given cash prizes, while all participants received a TFAS trophy and a certificate of participation. TFAS would like to thank Dr. Satyaveni Rao for generous contribution towards some of the participation trophies and the prizes for some of the competitions were sponsored by Sambasiva Rao and Radha Kasinadhuni foundation.

Lunch and snacks were served during the program that were home prepared by the Executive Committee members and their families. The sound system was provided by Mani Akella and he did an excellent job. All of these were done at free of cost.

The registration was well managed by Lakshmi Mallela our members chair and Satya Nemana our IT chair with the help of several volunteers. Anand Paluri our secretary did an excellent job of coordinating the food and prize distribution and gave the vote of thanks. TFAS wants to thank all the volunteers for their support and efforts. I strongly urge anyone interested to get involved with various TFAS activities and volunteer to assist us at various programs. Despite of all the improvisation done to accommodate all the participants the program ended ahead of schedule at 7 PM with great success.

Impressed by the success of the program several attendees signed up for life time and annual membership into the society. We will continue to stir interest to increase our membership. We are in the process of updating our membership data base. If you or anyone you know is not receiving regular meeting notifications, bi-weekly newsletters that we recently started, or Telugu Jyothi please contact me or Satya Nemana, our IT chair.

We are currently planning to celebrate Trimurti Day on Saturday, March 14 at the Bridgewater Temple. I request all of you attend this event. Regards,

Damoder Gedala

2009 Sankranti Program Income & Expenses January 18, 2009 at the Bridgewater Balaji Temple

INCOME	Amount
Annual membership paid (35)	\$1,225
Life Membership paid (15)	\$1,875
Collections for the program	\$3,087
SPONSORS	\$1,295
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,382
EXPENSES	
Temple Auditorium	\$1,100
Somosas	\$200
Participation Trophies	\$1,100
Miscellaneous	\$408
Cash Prizes	\$990
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,838
NET INCOME (INCOME - EXPENSES) =	\$584

TFAS thanks Dr. Satyaveni Rao and Sambasiva Rao/Radha Kasinadhuni for their donations. Special thanks to the volunteers Mani and Usha Akella, Bhaskar Andhra, Padma Nemana and the youth volunteers: Pavan Gedala, Anuja Gedala, Samatha Nemana Meena Mallela, Prashant Bhargava, Suma Akella, Ravi Akella, Pratusha Rayavarapu, and Alekhya Uppala.

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Full page inside front or back cover: \$500
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Full page per year: \$200; Full magazine per issue: \$600

Sankranthi Program Prize Winners

1. Fancy Dress

1st Prize ALEKYA

2nd Prize SRINIDHI

3rd Prize SIDDARTH ORUGANTI

2. POSTER/COLLAGES

1st Prize ALEKYA

2nd Prize SAHITHI DHULIPALA

3rd Prize RADHIKA

3. TELUGU READING

JUNIORS

1st Prize SRIYA BAPATLA

2nd Prize ANJALI CHAKRADHAR

SENIORS

1st Prize AMULYA YALAMANCHI

2nd Prize ABHIRAM SAREPELLA

2nd Prize SIDDARTH ORUGANTI

3rd Prize PANCHAJANYA VANGAPANDU

3rd Prize SRIRAM GOLLAKOTA

4. BOMMALKOLUVU/VILLAGE CONCEPT

1st Place SRIYA/PRASAD BAPATLA

2nd Place GIRIJA KOLLURI

3rd Place PRIYA/MOHAN BHARGAVA

5. RANGOLI

CHILDREN

1st Prize ABHIRAM SARIPELLA

2nd Prize YAMINI SASIDHAR

3rd Prize RADHIKA JONNADULA

ADULTS

1st Prize USHA SARIPELLA

2nd Prize SRAVANTHI SOMAVAJHULA

6. PLAYS

1st Prize

Amulya Yalamanchali, Varun Reddy

Akhila, Pranav, Vamsi, Rutvik,

Rishab, Kavya, Bhavya, Harshit

2nd Prize

Neehar Girimaji, Karan Collur

Arjun Collur, Koganti Hari

Koganti Sahiti

7. SKITS

1st Prize

Srikar Vakkalagadda, Saketh Kanikicherla

8. KOLATAM/GOBBILLU

Consolation Prize

Sailaja Medicherla, Nidhi Chillara, Swarna Racha,

Divya Yetukuri, Saroja Kolluru,

Sreya Mukherjee, Natasha Antony, Nikhitha

Kotha, Ankita Veta, Priya Mukherjee