

Press Release by Punjabi American Heritage Society, Yuba City, CA

Re: 13th Punjabi American festival
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The Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds will host more than 12 000 people this Sunday, May 27th during the 13th Annual International Punjabi American Festival. Sponsored by the Punjabi American Heritage Society of Yuba City, the festival is a way for those with Punjabi roots to celebrate and share their culture with fellow Americans.

Date: Sunday, May 27th, 2006
Time: 11:00 am to Sun Set
Location: Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Yuba City

The Punjabi American Heritage Society was founded in 1993 with the purpose of creating a better understanding amongst different people living in this area and to educate children about their ancestral roots. In the past thirteen years, many events have been organized to improve awareness and to educate fellow Americans.

At this year's festival, hundreds of local performing artists, including students from California schools, colleges and universities, will perform traditional Punjabi dances such as Bhangra, Giddha, Jhumar, Malwai Giddha and other ethnic dances. In addition, vendors will be on hand providing many Punjabi and South Asian delicacies.

This year's festival will highlight performances by internationally acclaimed artists such as **Sukshinder Shinda** from UK (first performance in USA with live band of ten musicians) <http://www.sukshindershinda.com> and **Pammi Bai** from Punjab, India with 14 dancers: <http://www.pammibai.com>

Festival will also feature a documentary: **Divided We Fall:** <http://www.dwf-film.com>

A man who calls himself a patriot murders a turbaned American on Sept. 15, 2001. In the aftermath of 9/11, as grief turns into rage on American city streets, temples are burned, homes vandalized, people assaulted. Barely broadcast on airwaves, these stories travel by word-of-mouth to the far reaches of a small California farming town, compelling a college student to step beyond the familiar threshold of her life.

Armed with only a camera, an American college student journeys across the country to find out who counts as one of us in a world divided into them and us. Valarie Kaur captures hundreds of stories never before told - stories of fear and unspeakable loss, but also of resilience and hope - until she finally finds the heart of America, halfway around the world.