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Dancers gather for Bhangra and Dhol competition

Bhangra Nation student dance troupe out of Mississauga opened the 11th annual Bhangra Nation competition at the Toronto Centre for Arts on Yonge St. in York (Toronto) Saturday afternoon. Photo by Peter McCusker



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November 17, 2007 - Dance teams from around the world came to Toronto to participate in the 11th annual Telus World Bhangra and Dhol Competition today.

The event, organized by Mississauga's Bhangra Nation, featured 14 teams competing in traditional and freestyle categories. The traditional version of the competition features performers moving to the sounds of the dhol (a double-sided barrel drum) while in freestyle, the modern sounds of hip-hop and R&B are blended with traditional Indian music.

The performances took place at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts. Judges graded the teams as they performed the traditional Punjabi dance form.

Competing in the traditional division were Surrey India Arts Club (Vancouver), Rooh Punjab Dee (England), GHG Bhangra (Calgary), Pyare Putt Ankhiley (Washington), Team India (India) and Hasde Nachde (Toronto).

Competing in the freestyle division were Trinjan Mehal Punjab Di Dance Academy, Bulldawg Da Raaj, Nachdey Gabru, Shera Di Kaum Bhangra, Sonay Gabroo Punjab De, Nachde Sher Jawan, Aan Punjab Di and Punjabi Beat.

For more information, visit www.bhangranation.com.