

## Arts & Entertainment

# Bhangra dancers come to Toronto



*Staff photo by Nikki Wesley  
Michael Sanghera, 11, and the Nachde Hade Kids dancers entertain the crowd at the announcement of the teams competing in the 11th annual Telus World Bhangra and Dhol Competition.*

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**November 12, 2007** - Dance teams from around the world are coming to Toronto to participate in the 11th annual Telus World Bhangra and Dhol Competition, taking place on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The event, organized by Mississauga's Bhangra Nation, features 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 take place at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts. Judges will grade the teams as they perform the traditional Punjabi dance form.

Competing in the traditional division are 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 are 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.

Show time is 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25-\$35. Visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca).

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