



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### BHANGRA NATION CELEBRATES BIASAKHI WITH PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

**MISSISSAUGA, April 21, 2008** – The *Bhangra Nation Dance Studio* made history as they celebrated Biasakhi 2008 with the Prime Minister of Canada in Ottawa on April 17. Bhangra Nation's senior students performed for dignitaries during an evening that celebrated the Punjabi harvest festival.

*Bhangra Nation* has worked to teach the art of Bhangra dance to children of all ethnic backgrounds and commends the Government of Canada for recognizing the art of Bhangra dance during their Baisakhi celebrations.

The *Bhangra Nation Dance Studio* first opened its doors on April 15, 2007 with a strict mandate to educate both youth and adults about the dances of Giddha, Bhangra and the musical aspects of Punjabi folklore. Bhangra Nation's philosophy is to enhance the knowledge of Bhangra and promote the concepts, history, and symbolic representation of this folk dance.

In order to further enhance the teaching of Bhangra dance, *Bhangra Nation* is proud to announce that the world renowned, often referred to as a living legend, Ustad Ramesh Kumar Dholi (drummer) will be teaching Dhol at the *Bhangra Nation Dance Studio*. *Bhangra Nation* continues to educate in the world of Bhangra dance and is honoured to welcome this living legend to Canada.

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