

Message from the President



It is with great pleasure in welcoming all to our annual Tamil Cultural Nite festival. It is our 7th annual event and proud to present it as one of the largest Tamil fine Arts festival held outside of the Greater Toronto area.

Tamils have a rich culture dating back 2000 years ago. It has been preserved and nurtured over the years in India and Sri Lanka. With the immigration of Tamils to Canada we, the first generation of Tamil Canadians are duty bound to preserve and pass it on to the next generation. It is challenging to preserve our culture and Arts among different identity. However, collectively we are making a difference.

Tamil association of Waterloo Region has been actively promoting our culture and Arts in this region and has been recognised as a leader among other cultural organisations. We have involved in the Tapestry festival, KW Multicultural festival and City of Waterloo 150th celebration to name a few. My thanks go to the past presidents Mr. S. Kunasekaran, Mr. Bala Thambypillai and Mr. Suresh Abraham. Their dedication and leadership skills have made this association stronger.

This event is a marvellous opportunity to get our children out of their daily routines and allow them to not only experience part of their unique culture, but to also share and enjoy it with those outside of our culture. The Tamil community in this region play a vital role in projecting Tamil fine Arts image in the Canadian cultural mosaic. In this respect, the Tamil cultural association of waterloo region have been extending their fullest assistance to the initiatives taken on behalf of “Tamil Cultural Nite”.

The Tamil community also appreciates our three cities – Waterloo, Kitchener and Cambridge for supporting the local arts community and the festival. My sincere Thanks to the executive members and friends for staging this annual fine arts festival.

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