



Mid America Bengali Association presents

**Bangamela 2010**

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Nashville, Tennessee, USA

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**Youth Committee**

**Rabindranath Tagore Poetry Competition**

Rabindranath Tagore once said, "All men have poetry in their hearts, and it is necessary for them, as much as possible, to express their feelings. For this they must have a medium, moving and pliant, which can refreshingly become their own, age after age. All great languages undergo change. Those languages which resist the spirit of change are doomed and will never produce great harvests of thought and literature. When forms become fixed, the spirit either weakly accepts its imprisonment or rebels. All revolutions consist of the "within" fighting against invasion from "without"... All great human movements are related to some great idea..." With this message in mind the youth committee of the Bangamela 2010 is sponsoring a poetry contest for all ages. We want to encourage the creativity and talent of Bengali young writers from throughout the country and give them recognition for their vision, talent, and beautiful language.

Poems should be typed in size 12 fonts in English. There is no restriction on length of a poem. Multiple submissions are welcome. Children who participate in poetry contest will be rewarded with a certificate of excellence. Poetry will be judged on style, theme, and quality. Applicants from ages five to twenty-one are welcomed to contribute poetry pieces.

The top ten poems will be displayed during the Bangamela. All poetry submitted is eligible for publication in the youth portion of the prestigious Bangamela magazine. Submissions should be attached in a word document and emailed to shejutipaul@gmail.com with the name, address, phone number, and age of writer included. The youth committee holds the right to reject pieces with inappropriate language or themes.

In conclusion, we encourage children to participate in the event. This is a great opportunity to showcase creativity and artistic talent to the community. With your help, we hope to make this program a magnificent success. If additional information is needed please contact below.

Sincerely,

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