



Himalayan Fair

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Himalayan Fair Celebrates its 36th Anniversary
May 18th & 19th
Live Performances, Food, Crafts and Culture
Live Oak Park in Berkeley, CA

Berkeley, CA... The Himalayan Fair warmly invites you to Berkeley's Live Oak Park on May 18th & 19th, 2019 for the **36th annual Himalayan Fair**. A unique blend of traditional and modern representations of Himalayan regions, the Fair has something for everyone. Be dazzled by the music and dance, shop for arts and crafts in a Himalayan bazaar and indulge in mouth-watering food!

From the serene opening ceremony by Buddhist monks to the high-energy exuberance of Bollywood performers, the entertainment covers a vast range of vocal and instrumental music and showcases dancers from youth to adults. Classical and folk dances, ancient and modern music, traditional and fusion presentations will delight you throughout both days.

Arlene Blum, Berkeley resident, mountaineer and environmental health scientist, fell in love with the people and cultures of the Himalayas during her repeated travels to the region. She started the Fair in 1983 to celebrate them, and to introduce others to the riches she had experienced. The Bay Area is home to a diverse group of immigrants from Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan and other neighboring countries and the University of California is known for South Asian culture and academic studies. The Bay Area is a hub for travellers and students of Buddhism, Yoga, Ayurveda and South Asian music and dance. The Fair provides a place of social connection, a meeting ground for many with shared backgrounds and common interests.

Live Oak Park is a perfect setting for the Fair. The bazaar is nestled into areas of lawn and majestic trees, a shady stream and brilliantly sunny spots. The third weekend in May generally provides fairgoers with ideal weather, so bring your sun hats and water bottles! You can easily get to the Fair on public transportation.

Admission to the Fair is free. We do, however, encourage attendees to buy raffle tickets at \$5 a piece. Many prizes are awarded and the grand prize, for one lucky winner, will be a round-trip airline ticket to the Himalayas generously donated by Turkish Airlines!

In addition to providing a richly enjoyable weekend experience for all who attend the Fair, central to the Himalayan Fair's mission is our commitment to raise money through raffle sales in order to assist charitable projects in Himalayan regions. We are proud to have helped schools, hospitals, and orphanages. This year our focus will be on supporting organizations fighting trafficking in the Himalayan regions and on assistance to orphans.
