

**Informed Consent:**  
**“Perceptions of the *Sangeet* Celebration and Its Impact on Future Family Relationships”**

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**Project Description:**

My name is Patricia Murthy and I am conducting a study on the Indian pre-wedding celebration, *Sangeet*. I am gathering information about the rituals, meaning, and experiences that people may have had when attending, hosting or being featured in one.

The purpose of this study is to analyze the event and discover whether there is a perceived social and/or emotional impact on the future relationships between the families of the bride and groom. The results will be used to gain a deeper understanding of its meaning.

**Procedure and Risks:**

I will be asking questions about your experiences and knowledge of the *Sangeet* and seek information about your personal perceptions. The information gained through this interview will be recounted anonymously and there will be no personal identifiers used. You may at any time during the interview refrain from answering one or more questions and if you experience discomfort with the questions or process, you are free to discontinue.

There will be no reference to your identity, and your identity will be concealed in any reports written from the interviews.

There are no known risks associated with participation in the study.

**Benefits:**

It is hoped that the results of this study will provide greater insight into the culture and history of the *Sangeet* and its impact on family relationships for centuries. The results of the study, in part or whole, may be included in an academic publication.

**Cost Compensation:**

Participation in this study will involve no costs or payments to you (or I will give you a big hug!)

**Confidentiality:**

All information collected during the study period will be kept strictly confidential until such time as you sign a release waiver. No publications or reports from this project will include identifying information on any participant without your signed permission, and after your review of the materials. If you agree to join this study, please sign your name on the following page.

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR INTERVIEW

### *Sangeet* Information

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to be interviewed for the project entitled “Perceptions of the *Sangeet* Celebration and Its Impact on Future Family Relationships” which is being produced by Patricia Murthy of Dowling College.

I certify that I have been told of the confidentiality of information collected for this project and the anonymity of my participation; that I have been given satisfactory answers to my inquiries concerning project procedures and other matters; and that I have been advised that I am free to withdraw my consent and to discontinue participation in the project or activity at any time without prejudice.

I understand that such interviews and related materials will be kept completely anonymous, and that the results of this study may be published in an academic journal or book.

I agree that any information obtained from this research may be used in any way thought best for this study.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interviewee

*If you cannot obtain satisfactory answers to your questions or have comments or complaints about your treatment in this study, contact:*

Dr. Stephanie Tatum, Dowling College – Brookhaven, NY.

Cc: signed copy to interview.

## Debriefing Letter

### “Family Perceptions of the *Sangeet* Celebration and Its Impact on Future Relationships”

*Dear Participant:*

*This form gives us final authorization to use material from your interview in “Perceptions of the Sangeet Celebration and Its Impact on Future Family Relationships”. A draft of these materials should have been presented to you for your review, correction, or modification. You may grant use rights for this draft “as is,” or with the modifications you specify, if any. See “Conditions” at the bottom of the form*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant the right to use information from recordings and or notes taken in interviews of me, to Patricia Murthy, Dowling College, and as presented to me as a draft copy. I understand that the interview records will be kept by the interviewer and the project, and that the information contained in the interviews may be used in materials to be made available to the general public.

\_\_\_\_\_ *By initialing here, I also agree to be identified by name in the project and related materials.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *By initialing here, I also agree to be identified by photograph in the project and related materials.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interviewee

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interviewer

**The following conditions limit the release of information, as agreed between the interviewer and the interviewee:**

\_\_\_\_\_ None needed

\_\_\_\_\_ Material may be released once corrections I specified have been made

\_\_\_\_\_ Material may be released once it has been edited by a third part (please specify)