Café ăn Participant Application
“Mực Tím...Our Words, Our Stories”
Terms and Conditions

Café ăn was first introduced in 1987, initially beginning as an intimate talent showcase among students with a side of hot coffee (hence the name “Café ăn” which is Vietnamese for “warm coffee”). Over the years, Café ăn has evolved into a space for many Vietnamese-American as well as non-Vietnamese students to express themselves and their culture through a variety of dances, songs, and other forms of artistic expression.

With Café ăn, Vietnamese Student Union seeks to raise awareness about our Vietnamese culture as well as our Vietnamese-American culture. The show provides the opportunity for second generation Vietnamese-Americans to identify and reconnect with their native culture. Café ăn also aims to educate other communities about our custom and tradition, hoping to give other ethnic groups a better sense of understanding about the Vietnamese-American culture in order to enhance the communication within our diverse community.

This year, the Vietnamese Student Union proudly presents the 21st Annual Café ăn entitled “Mực Tím: Our Words... Our Stories.” Mực Tím, which means “purple fountain pen,” was traditionally used in school by all students in Vietnam. It later became the name of one of most widely spread magazines among students and college students in Vietnam, one which centrally focused on the student life, from struggles, to hopes, and to dreams. Based on this idea, this year’s Café ăn aims to encourage participants to share their words and stories, and through that, to provide a voice for today’s youth.

The event will be on Monday, May 19th from 6PM to 10PM in the Tom Bradley Center. If selected, please show up at 3:30 sharp on the day of the show for sound and lighting check.

Criterion for all participants:
- No derogatory or inappropriate language, implications, or connotations in your submission. This is a public venue and we would like to respect all audiences.
- The maximum amount of time for any performance is 15 minutes. We will cut your entry if it exceeds 15 minutes. Due to the limited amount of time available, the Café ăn committee would like to give all submissions an equal opportunity to express their piece.
- You MUST be pre-screened before show day. This is to ensure the integrity of the submission.
- We have the right to evaluate the relevance of the submission to the theme and objective of Café ăn.
- Remember, although this is not a competition, there is still limited space available.
- And please, no derogatory language, implications, and connotations. Keep it appropriate for people of all ages and race (there are kids in the audience)

For additional questions, please contact Karen Tran at cafeam2008@yahoo.com. Please detach and keep your page for your records.
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Talent(s)/What you would like to do at the event. Maximum Time: 15 minutes
- Singing: Song Title _____________
- Acting: Piece Title _____________
- Writing
- Artwork: Medium & Title _____________
- Dance
- Other: _______________
- Volunteer work (includes helping to set up, waitressing, decorate, etc)

Please elaborate on the significance of your act and/or artwork submission to this year’s program

Choose the day(s) you can come in for screening:
- May 14th 7-9pm @ SAC 100D
- May 15th 7-9pm @ SAC 100D
*If you cannot come in for screening, then please submit the necessary film/demo/art slide by May 15th

I agree to abide by the terms and conditions herein set by the Café Ẩm committee within this application. I understand that any violations of these rules will subject my submission to disqualification.

Signature __________________________  Date ______________
Printed Name _______________________

All applications are due by May 14th by 5PM. Please send it in to Karen Tran at cafeam2008@yahoo.com, or drop it off at the VSU Office at 412 Kerckhoff.