

Step 3: Entertainment

Now that you have a venue and food arranged, you need to decide how to entertain your guests. For most events, organizations do this by putting together various performances. These will vary widely depending on your culture, but please explore this section for general advice on finding volunteers, places to practice performances, etc.

Entertainment Questions Checklist

Choosing entertainment:

- ☐ How long is the show? Will the audience get too hungry if the dinner is after the show?
- ☐ Do you want your show to include only OU students? Are there local cultural groups that you would like to perform at your event?
- ☐ Do you need a Master and/or a Mistress of Ceremonies for your show?

Coordinating entertainment:

- ☐ Do I know people willing to perform? (If not, ask IAC for help!)
- ☐ Do we have a place to practice? Dale Hall and various Union rooms include popular practice locations.
- ☐ Did my MCs get a chance to practice too?
- ☐ Do we need to order or make cultural costumes?
- ☐ Do we need to mix music tracks?
- ☐ Did the performers sign Talent Release forms?

Types of Entertainment

Your organization can include whatever types of entertainment it is able to coordinate. In case you are having trouble thinking of ideas, here are a few great entertainment types that organizations often include:

- Dancing
- Singing
- Playing a Musical Instrument
- Stand-up Comedy
- Skits
- Videos

Finding Volunteers

You do not need to worry about finding volunteers for performances. You can find enthusiastic performers in many places, including:

- Your own organization members
- IAC Sub-Committee and Core of Volunteers (sometimes, even the Executive Committee, Task Force, and Judicial Board members would be willing to perform!)
- Other international student organizations, especially those affiliated with IAC or those with a culture similar to your own
- Other campus organizations, especially those that focus on a particular type of cultural performance (If you need help contacting these, please ask your IAC liaison or an IAC executive member!)
- Community cultural organizations, especially those that focus on a particular type of cultural performance

Practice Facilities

Most organizations reserve rooms in the Union for performance practices. You can go to [this page](#) to do so.

Organizations may also practice in two different rooms in the Houston Huffman Fitness Center (“the Huff”). In order to reserve these rooms, you must fill out [this form](#) and return it to the front desk at the Huff.

Photography and Videography

Don't forget to find volunteers to photograph and videotape the show! Put the pictures on your organization's Facebook page and the videos on your organization's Youtube channel afterwards so that everyone can view them.

Check with members of your organization or with IAC members to see if anyone happens to own high-quality cameras and/or videotaping equipment. If not, you can rent it from the Student Organization Resource Office ([SORO](#)). Keep in mind, however, that SORO imposes high fines for equipment that is returned late.