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*Office of the Minister*

**Message from the Honourable Lindsay Blakett  
Minister of Culture and Community Spirit**

As Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, I would like to welcome everyone to the Ankur Multicultural Society for Performing Arts' first anniversary celebration.

Whether you are experiencing a Thai dance recital at a theatre in Bangkok or traditional Ukrainian folk dance here in Alberta, the performing arts contribute to a universal language that everyone in the world can understand. Artistic expression knows no linguistic boundaries, which is why promoting equality and a discrimination-free society through performing arts is unique and effective. I want to commend Ankur on its distinctive method for building strong and inclusive communities.

In the short time that Ankur has existed, the organization has hosted a number of successful and enriching cultural events, and I look forward to many more in the future. Congratulations on your first anniversary, and thank you to everyone who has helped plan and organize this wonderful celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindsay Blakett', written in a cursive style.

Lindsay Blakett  
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