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US Consulate General, Mumbai
Signia Pearl, C49, G Block Rd, G Block BKC, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400051, India

RE: B-1 Expedited Appointment Request and Invitation: America's Got Talent Audition

To Whom It May Concern,

Marathon Productions, Inc. (“**Marathon**”) is a full-service production company, best known for producing the world-renowned live television series *America's Got Talent* (“**AGT**”), broadcast on NBC. AGT is a true celebration of creativity and talent, featuring a colorful array of singers, dancers, comedians, contortionists, impressionists, magicians, and hopeful stars from all over the world. The popular variety format show, created by Simon Cowell and featuring host, Terry Crews with judges Heidi Klum, Sofia Vergara, and Howie Mandel, is the #1 rated TV show every summer. This year, the show will continue to showcase talent from all over the world. AGT typically provides employment to approximately 650 individuals with each show costing millions of dollars to produce. The ability to showcase acts from around the globe is a critical component of the show which allows us to meet our financial and contractual obligations to the network, sponsors, and audience.

Abujhamd Mallakhamb Academy (“the Act”) commands every stage they take with explosive stunts featuring flips, synchronized choreography, and advanced yoga poses. Students of the Act attend an Academy under the same name mastering Mallakhamb, a traditional Indian sport with gymnasts performing aerial yoga on a wooden pole or rope. The Act's most notable accomplishment was their historic win on *India's Got Talent* (2023). The Act has since become a sensation in India, being featured in top news outlets and media, such as *Olympics*, *Republic World*, *India Today*, *Indian Express*, *ABP New*, *ANI News*, *Times of India*, and *Outlook*.

Members of the Act include:

- Narendra Gota
- Rajesh Salam
- Yuvraj Som
- Santosh Shori
- Pradeep Kumar Nureti
- Santay Potai
- Fulsingh Salam

AGT has invited the Act to audition for the 21st season of the show. Acts compete on AGT in hopes of making it to the finale to compete for the \$1 million prize. Acts are voted off regularly. We believe that a B-1 visa is the appropriate visa for the Act as it allows them to participate in

our competition. We respectfully submit that this is permissible as outlined in the Foreign Affairs Manual:

9 FAM 402.2-5(G)(2) Participants in International Competitions

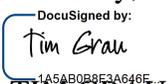
A professional entertainer may be classified B-1 if the entertainer is coming to the United States to participate in a competition for which there is no remuneration other than a prize (monetary or otherwise) and expenses.

Marathon will cover the costs of the airfare, hotel and per diem of \$25/day during the Act's stay for approximately ten (10) tentative days between March 1, 2026 and April 30, 2026. The Act will be traveling with their coach, **Manoj Prasad**, and technical support, **Saurav Pal**. They will stay at a hotel in Pasadena, a suburb in Los Angeles. They will leave the United States by April 30, 2026 to return to their home country.

Given the urgency of the situation, AGT is requesting that the embassy please grant the request for an expedited appointment, as well as the expedited issuance of a B-1/B-2 visa to ensure that each member can compete on AGT. Any delay in visa issuance will be detrimental to the show and will result in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars due to flight and accommodation expenses, scheduling changes and impacts our ability to meet our financial and contractual obligations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter – it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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