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Dear Bala,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to participate in ASEA's summer and fall programs for 1974 at our new Center for World Music, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley, California, 94704. Your teaching assignment will begin on July 1, 1974, and will terminate on November 30, 1974. We would like you to teach and perform Bharata Natyam. Your salary for this period will be at the rate of \$2000 per month. ASEA will also provide you with a suitable furnished apartment or other living accommodation during this period. In addition, we will remit the cost of your round-trip air transportation, first class, between Madras and San Francisco, to Mercury Travels, Madras.

We would like to have your traditional opening performance for the summer session on Sunday night, June 30. In addition, we hope that you will be able to present a series of lecture-demonstrations with Lakshmi during the month of September, in lieu of teaching. Since the fall teaching schedule is expected to be lighter than the summer, we would also like to try to arrange no more than two outside performances per month in October and November on the West Coast, such performances to be considered part of the present contract.

You will find enclosed with this letter an announcement for the summer session listing the classes which you will teach and approximate time allotment for each. Please let us know at once if there is any discrepancy in the schedule, since we are preparing a final schedule with precise class timings to be distributed at opening registration time. You should also advise us if you have a limit in mind for the number of students you wish to have enrolled in any one class. Time will be allotted for auditions during the first three days, so that you may select the students you wish to teach if the number of applicants exceeds the desired quota.

ASEA has instituted a health and life insurance program to protect all of the artists, as well as staff members. The health insurance pays 80% of most medical expenses, after a \$100 deductible for each year. The life insurance is for \$5000, or \$2500 for those over 65. Health insurance goes into effect after one month (on August 1) and does not apply to prior illnesses or disabilities from which the applicant is suffering at the time of application. One-half of the cost of this insurance is borne by ASEA, the other half being deducted monthly from the employee's salary. Your monthly insurance deduction under the present rate is \$13.77. In addition, the normal social security, federal and state income taxes will be deducted, as required by law.

