



Natya Visarada, Natya Bala

Guru Smt. Usha Goteti

Renowned Kuchipudi Dancer, Choreographer and Guru



Profile

Mrs. Usha Goteti, is an accomplished Kuchipudi dancer, inspiring teacher and talented choreographer. She has learnt dance since the age of 4, from renowned gurus **Padmasri Dr. Shobha Naidu, Sri Hemadri Chidambara Deekshitulu and Smt. Vempati Nageswari.**

Smt. Usha received a Masters in Kuchipudi from the University of Hyderabad along with the **distinction of earning a Gold Medal.** Usha has won several awards. Besides giving innumerable solo performances, she has performed at major dance festivals like Khajuraho and Konark, and performed the lead role in all of Dr. Shobha Naidu's dance ballets.



Teacher

At a very young age, Usha was promoted to be a teacher in Padmasri Dr. Shobha Naidu's dance academy. She taught in summer camps conducted by Jawahar Bal Bhavan. During her stay in the US, she taught students who performed at the prestigious Washington Telugu Samiti (WATS).

In 2000, she founded Abhinaya Kuchipudi Art Academy, a successful dance school in Nallagandla, Hyderabad. At her academy, Usha is pioneering an integrated approach to dance. Students get lessons in arts related to dance such as music, Talam, Yoga and literature. Achievements of her academy include

- One of her students received the prestigious CCRT dance scholarship.
- 4 Students did Rangapravesam.
- More than 25 students received distinction in certificate course conducted by Potti Sriramulu university and Pracheen Kala Kendra.



Performer

- Mrs. Usha gave several performances doing lead roles in all dramas choreographed by Dr. Shobha Naidu in her dance troupe.
- She moved the audience to tears as **Purnamma** the lead character in “Puttadi Bomma Purnamma”, a well known social drama converted to a Kuchipudi ballet.
- She **played Sita** along-side Dr Sobha Naidu as Rama in “Sita-Rama Kalyanam”.
- She also performed in SVBC channel along with Dr. Shobha Naidu in 2010.
- She performed in popular dance festivals in **Konark and Khajuraho**.
- She gave over 300 solo and group performances in India and the US.
- At Annamacharya Bhavana Vahini she drew praise from **Padmasri Sobha Raju** for exquisite Abhinaya..
- Tridandi Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji blessed her for the devotional fervour at Divya Saketam, Shamshabad.
- Her performance as Narada in **Sri Krishna Parijatam** never fails to enthrall audiences.



Honors and Awards

- Received **Gold medal in the Master of Performing Arts** program at the prestigious University of Hyderabad.
- Passed with **Distinction in Certificate Course for Kuchipudi from Potti Sriramulu Telugu University**, given only to the top five candidates in the state.
- Empanelled as a graded artist by the Ministry of Culture.
- Won Silver Medal at the YMCA all India dance competitions in Kuchipudi consecutively for 4 years.
- Received Silver Medal in Bhadrachalam
- Received the prestigious **CCRT dance scholarship** from the Govt. of India from 1987 to 2000.
- Won first prize consecutively for 7 years in Kala Sravanthi dance competitions held at Rajahmundry and received the title "**Natya Bala**".
- First prize in district dance competitions in Warangal.



Child Artist

At age 8, Mrs Usha performed the lead role as a child artist where she narrates the story of Ayyappa through dance in popular devotional movie **Ayyappa Swamy Mahatyam**.



Impressed with Usha, Natyacharya Hemadri Chidambara Dikshitulu featured her in his book **“Kalasagaram” (1989)**, an important text on Kuchipudi.



Press Clips

Recreating mythology on stage

As legend of Lord Krishna trying to woo his sweetheart with the Parjateh Sayer was once again brought alive, thanks to **SHAKHI** and party, with **SHAKHI NAYAGOPAL**

June 18th, 1999
Sri Krishna Prangana
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