

Vidushi. Smt. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan

Vidushi **Smt. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan** is a well-known Bharathanatyam performer, choreographer and teacher in Mysore. She is the Founder and Principal of **Champaka Academy**, a preschool and activity centre that teaches classical dance, music and other art forms.

She started learning Bharathanatyam at the age of ten under the able guidance of Guru **Smt. Vasanthalakshmi** at Bangalore. Over the years, she flowered into an able and skillful exponent, winning recognition and accolades and completed her Vidwat examination. She performed her Rangapravesham in Bangalore, with very good reviews in the press.



After moving to Mysore, she started her advanced training in dance, yoga and choreography under Guru



Smt. Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy. She was a faculty at the Vasundhara Performing Arts Center. Having keen interest in the theory of dance as well, she completed her Master of Arts in Bharatanatyam where she was guided by **Smt. Chethana Radhakrishna & Smt. Radhika Nandakumar**. She has continued her Yoga training under **Yoga Guru Sudhesh Chandra** at Mysore for over a decade.

Vidushi. Nagalakshmi has given performances in events organized by the Kannada and Culture Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and has won encomiums. She is the recipient of scholarship awarded by the Karnataka Sangeet Nritya Academy and participated in the South Central Zone Cultural Competitions, securing a prize.

Vidushi. Nagalakshmi has participated in solo and group performances in many cultural festivals throughout India. Important ones among them are Hampi Festival, Lakkundi Festival, Kittappa Pillai Yuva Nrityotsav, Vishnudas Memorial Concert, Iskcon Brahmotsava, Festival of Nature organized by Govt. of Karnataka and Dept. of Tourism, Pravah Festival of Dance at Ernakulam, Konark Festival, Dance Jatre at Bangalore, Suttur, Mantralaya and many more places.

Her thematic solo performance, for the 150th birth anniversary of Mysore K. Vasudevacharya at Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha in April 2015, was very well appreciated.

She has performed rare keertanas of Haridasas in Kanaka Purandara Bhakthi Sudha, a music and dance production of Dr.Sukanya Prabhakar.

She has also participated and performed in the famous choreographies of her Gurus including Ramayana, Kaveri Vaibhava, Shakuntala, SuryaNamaskara, Chalukya Vaibhava, Vidyunmadanika, Sri Krishna Tulabhara, Gurubhyonamaha etc.



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