



SWAPNASUNDARI  
Akademi Award: Kuchipudi

*Born in Chennai, Srimati Swapnasundari Rao Prakash had her training in Kuchipudi under Pasumarty Seetharamaiah and Yeleswarapu Suryaprakash Sarma. She also studied under Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam. She trained in Bharatanatyam under K. J. Govindarajan, K. N. Dakshinamoorthy, B. Kalyanasundaram, Adyar K. Lakshman, and Kalanidhi Narayanan. She was trained in music by her grandmother, C. Sundamma, and her mother, V. Sarala. She has also studied under T. Mukta.*

*An outstanding exponent of Kuchipudi dance, Swapnasundari is also proficient in Bharatanatyam. She has received critical acclaim for the virtuosity of her nritya as also for her abhinaya. Her choreographic talents have found expression both in solo and dance-drama forms, and her accomplishment as a singer has lent lustre to her dance compositions. She has performed extensively both in India and abroad and runs her own training institution, the Kuchipudi Dance Centre, in Delhi.*

*Swapnasundari has also made a significant attempt to research and reinterpret the temple dance traditions of Andhra under the guidance of Maddula Lakshminarayana and others.*

*For her contribution in the field of dance, Swapnasundari has received many awards including the Parishad Samman of the Sahitya Kala Parishad, Delhi, in 1990 and the Nandi Award from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 1993-94.*

*Srimati Swapnasundari receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Kuchipudi dance.*



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