



INDIRA RAJAN

Akademi Award: Bharatanatyam

Born in 1939, Shrimati Indira Rajan belongs to a well-known family of musicians and dancers of Karaikal, Tamil Nadu. Her grandmother Sundarambal was a renowned artist of her time, and the eminent Nattuvanar K.N. Dandayudhapani Pillai was her paternal uncle. She was initiated into dance under Ganesan Pillai and had her Arangetram at the age of nine.

Indira Rajan has earned renown as a dance teacher, training numerous students over the last twenty-five years at her institution in Chennai, Vadini Natyalaya. She has also been a lecturer in dance in the Government College of Music and Dance, Chennai. She has particularly excelled as a Nattuvanar and has conducted the performances of many eminent dancers of our time. She also has a number of successful performances to her credit, and has composed dances to traditional songs from Tevaram, Thiruvassagam and Nalayira Divya Prabantham.

Indira Rajan has been honoured by various organizations and has been decorated with the title Kalaimamani awarded by the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram (1991).

Shrimati Indira Rajan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Bharatanatyam.



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