

MAYURI PAWAR

Kathak Dance Instructor & Choreographer

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Professional Summary

Experienced Kathak dancer and choreographer with over 18 years of expertise in classical dance forms. Demonstrated ability to perform and choreograph for prestigious platforms including international tours, television shows, and award functions. Adept at instructing students of all levels and passionate about fostering a deep appreciation for Kathak dance.

EDUCATION

- **S.S.C. (Schooling):**
Chandrakant Patkar Vidyalay, Mumbai
Passed: 2005
- **H.S.C. (Higher Secondary Certificate):**
D.G. Ruparel College, Mumbai
Passed: 2007
- **Diploma in Kathak:**
All India Gandharva College Board, Mumbai
Completed: June 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kathak Dance Instructor

Arya International, USA

June 2019 – June 2021

Taught Kathak dance to students of various ages and skill levels, creating comprehensive lesson plans that integrated classical techniques with contemporary elements. Organized and directed student performances to showcase progress and skill development.

Assistant Choreographer

Marathi Film "Adda"

July 2016 – December 2016

Collaborated with the lead choreographer to develop innovative dance routines for *Marathi Film "Adda"*. Contributed creative ideas, designed complex dance sequences, and guided dancers to ensure high-quality performances. Refined choreography to convey the film's narrative and emotional depth.

Professional Dancer

Taj Express: The Musical (World Tour)

January 2012 – December 2015

Performed Kathak dance across Europe, Singapore, and China as part of the world tour for *Taj*

Express: The Musical. Contributed to the show's success under the direction of Vaibhavi Merchant and Shruti Merchant, showcasing Kathak to a global audience.

Background Dancer

Various Productions and TV Shows

2008 – 2011

Worked with top choreographers including Ganesh Acharya, Remo D'Souza, and Prabhudeva, performing at high-profile events like Police Shows, Filmfare Awards, Stardust Awards, and Zee Cine Awards. Featured as a background performer in films such as *Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania*, *Faltu*, *Welcome Back*, and *Dum Laga Ke Haisha*. Appeared on TV shows like *India's Magic Star*, *India's Got Talent*, *Eka Peksha Ek* (Season 3), and *Boogie Woogie*.

SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements:

- **Top 10 Contestant:** *Eka Peksha Ek* (Season 3)
- **Lead Role:** *Banda* (Documentary Film)
- **Opening Performer:** 88th Akhil Bhartiya Natya Sammelan 2008
- **Winner:** Boogie Woogie (Under 10 and 14 Categories)
- **Winner:** Dum Duma Dum (Under 14 Category)
- **Winner:** Rajyastariya Yuva Mohotsav
- **Winner:** Maharashtra Seva Sangh (Mulund)
- **Opening Performer:** Sanskritik Sanchalay Maharashtra Rajya 18th Kala Mohotsav
- **Assistant Choreographer:** Saurabh Khatri's Corporate and Wedding Shows

Skills:

- **Kathak Dance Technique and Performance:** Mastery of classical Kathak techniques and performance skills.
- **Choreography and Dance Direction:** Proven track record of creating engaging dance routines for performances and productions.
- **Lesson Planning and Student Instruction:** Experienced in developing and delivering effective Kathak dance lessons.
- **Stage Performance and Presentation:** Skilled in delivering memorable performances for a variety of prestigious events.
- **Collaboration with Artists and Choreographers:** Experience working with prominent choreographers and artists.
- **International Performance Experience:** Performed Kathak across Europe, Singapore, and China.
- **TV and Film Industry Experience:** Background in major television shows, award functions, and Bollywood films.