Gorries Shaji Varghese - Bharatanatyam Dancer Resume

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Professional Summary

A passionate and dedicated Bharatanatyam dancer with over two decades of training under eminent gurus in Kalakshetra style. Skilled in solo and thematic productions, abhinaya, choreography, and nattuvangam. Committed to preserving and sharing the art form through performances and teaching.

Dance Training

Gurus: Smt. Vineetha Nedungadi (2000–present), Smt. Karuna Sagari (2012–present)

Styles: Kalakshetra, Nattuvangam, Mohiniyattam

Academic & Dance Education

MFA in Bharatanatyam - 2019

BFA in Bharatanatyam – 2017

Diploma in Bharatanatyam - 2016

Nattuvangam Certificate Course - 2024

Dissertation: An Advanced Methodology in Bharatanatyam

Workshops:

- Rasavikalpam by Smt. Bragha Bessell Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy, 2015
- Pada Varnam by Shri Sheejith Krishna Kannur, 2018

Performance Highlights

• Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Festival, Coimbatore - 2024

- Agricultural University, Coimbatore 2024
- Samarpanam Fest, Vidhyaniketan CBSE School 2024
- · Sharadhaambal Temple, Coimbatore 2024
- Pranaa International Fest, Thalassery 2024
- Sri Sankara Kripa Gokulashtami Mahotsavam, Coimbatore 2023
- Paatshala Vidhyaniketan CBSE School 2023
- Aahaliya Heritage Village Koothambalam 2023
- Kovaiyil Thiruvaiyaaru 2022
- Dhara Fest, Palakkad 2022

Choreography & Solo Items

Pushpanjali (Arabhi, Jog, Amritavarshini), Ganesha Sthuthi, Mallari, Lathangi Varnam, Bilahari Chathurasra Jathi Ata Thalam Thillana, Madhuvanthi Thillana, Sri Rama Sahasranamam, Janani – An Ode to Mother Earth.

Thematic Production: Varshanubhuthi - The Navarasas of Rain

A unique exploration of rain through the Navarasas, blending music, nature, and expressive storytelling, inspired by Guru Nitya Chaitanyati.

Teaching Experience

- Vidhyaniketan Public School, Coimbatore (2022–2025)
- Vidhya Niketan CBSE School, Coimbatore (2022–2025)
- Vidhya Vanam School, Anaikatti (2021–2022)
- Aalap School of Fine Arts (2018–2020)
- Bhakthi Natya Niketan (Intern, 2014–2018)

Conducted classes for: Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced (ages 7–50)

Taught both online and offline classes

Workshops Conducted:

- Bharatanatyam Workshop at Dyuthy Arts School, Thrissur 2025
- Workshop on Abhinaya, Warm-up/Down, Thalam, and Theory at Samarpana Natya Niketan, Bangalore – 2024

Awards & Recognition

• Recipient of CCRT Scholarship - 2018

• Featured in The Hindu Newspaper – 2019

Skills & Languages

Skills: Choreography, Abhinaya, Nattuvangam, Workshop Facilitation, Dance Theory

Languages: Malayalam, English, Hindi (Fluent); Tamil (Spoken only)