

D. PRATHIMA



Bharatanatyam Dancer | Researcher scholar | Educator

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Professional Summary

Devoted Bharatanatyam dancer with over 15 years of performance experience and a deep foundation in Carnatic music. Trained under eminent gurus and rooted in the Kalakshetra tradition, with expertise in both traditional Margam and thematic presentations. Committed to performance, teaching, and academic research.

Education

- Ph.D. in Dance (Pursuing) - Vels University, Chennai (2025 - Present)
 - M.A. in Bharatanatyam - University of Madras (2023 - 2025)
 - Diploma in Bharatanatyam - Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai (2019 - 2023)
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Experience

Started learning Bharatanatyam at the age of 5 under Shri L. Narendra Kumar. Further refined under eminent gurus Prithvija Balagopalan, Smt. Athena Madu, and Smt. Sri Sudarsini Iyer at Kalakshetra Foundation. Also trained in Navarasa Sadhana under Guru C.G. Venu at Natanakairali, Irinjalakuda.

Founder and Artistic Director of Sri Raghava Nrithyakshetra, Tiruvallur, since 2024.

Other Skills

- Carnatic Vocal
 - Nattuvangam
 - Yoga & Fitness
 - Body Conditioning
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Performance Highlights

Solo Performances

- Bharatanatyam Kutcheri – Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium, Chennai (2023)
- Thodayam Performance – Kathakaali Festival, Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium, Chennai (2022)
- Guruvayur Temple (Date)
- Shiva Vishnu Temple, Tiruvallur - Vaikunta Ekadasi (2025)
- Kailasanathar Temple, Arakkonam - Mahasivaratri (2015)
- Srivilliputhur Andal Temple - Thiru Aadipuram (2025)

Festival Performances (India Classical Dance Academy)

- Jagannohan Palace, Mysore
- Sri Raghavendra Swamy Temple, Mantralayam
- Abu Babuji Auditorium, Ooty
- Sai Samaj Auditorium, Mylapore
- TTD Devasthanam, Tirupati

Collaborations

- Anusham Dance Group – Provoke Bharatanatyam Koothu Production
 - Mahati Auditorium, TTD Devasthanam, Tirupati
 - Ragasudha Production
 - Natanakairali – Navarasa Sadhana Production
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Achievements

- National Excellent Dancer Award - All India Classical Dance Academy
- National Kalapavisha Award - National Classical Dance Academy
- National Natya Ratna Award - National Classical Dance Academy
- Best Talent Dancer Award - All India Classical Dance Academy
- Sindhanai Sirpi Desiya Kalaimempattu Maiyam