

Kumari Uma Sharma



Born in 1942 in Delhi, Kumari Uma Sharma was initiated in Kathak by Guru Hiralalji and Girvar Dayal of the Jaipur *gharana*. She was later a student of Pandit Sunder Prasad, Shambhu Maharaj and Birju Maharaj, imbibing the best in the Jaipur and Lucknow styles. Together with dance she trained in Hindustani vocal music.

Over a career of over two decades Kumari Uma Sharma has established herself as an outstanding and popular dancer, performing extensively at home and abroad. Specializing in *abhinaya* she has striven to sustain the tradition of *bhava* in Kathak. A Kathak teacher of long standing, Kumari Uma Sharma is the founder of Bhartiya Sangeet Sadan, Delhi, a classical dance and music school. She is a recipient of

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several honours including the Padma Shri and the Sahitya Kala Parishad Award.

For her eminence in dance and her contribution to its enrichment Kumari Uma Sharma receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathak.

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