

**Shri Pasumarty Venu
Gopala Krishna Sarma**



Born in 1933 in the village of Kuchipudi, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Pasumarty Venu Gopala Krishna Sarma learnt Kuchipudi dance from Gurus Chinta Venkataramayya and Vedantam Lakshmi Narayana Sastry. He learnt music from Yeleswarapu Seetha Ramanjaneyulu. He also received training in Kuchipudi *yakshaganas*.

Both as a performer and teacher Shri Krishna Sarma has made vital contributions to Kuchipudi dance. He has played numerous lead roles in Kuchipudi dance-dramas and *yakshaganas*, excelling particularly in the female roles. For several years he has been a member of major Kuchipudi groups like the Shri Venkataramayya Natya Mandali and the Sri Siddhendra Kalakshetram troupe. A senior Kuchipudi teacher and *sutradhar*, Shri Krishna Sarma

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has trained a large number of students. He is Principal of Sri Siddhendra Kalakshetram, Kuchipudi.

For his eminence in dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Pasumarty Venu Gopala Krishna Sarma receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kuchipudi dance.

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