

Shri Mohan Rao Kallianpurkar

Allow me to present to you, Sir, Shri Mohan Rao Kallianpurkar.

Born in 1913, Shri Mohan Rao Kallianpurkar even at the age of seven, showed great promise as an artist. He took intensive training in Kathak dance under the guidance of Shri Sunder Prasad of Jaipur. Later in Lucknow, he had the privilege of continuing his training under the late Achchan Maharaj and Shri Shambhu Maharaj. His training in the two schools of Kathak dance, Jaipur and Lucknow, gave him the unique opportunity of imbibing the best of both the styles.

Shri Kallianpurkar has contributed much to popularizing the true form of Kathak. As a teacher for the last twenty-two years he has kept alive the tradition of Kathak with great competence.

For his pre-eminence in Kathak and zealous devotion to it, Shri Mohan Rao Kallianpurkar has received the Akademi Award.