

Srimati R. Muthurathnambal

The Akademi this year is presenting its Award for Bharatnatyam to Srimati R. Muthurathnambal. We deeply regret her absence today due to indisposition.

Representing the fourth generation in a family noted for dancing, Srimati Muthurathnambal, now seventy years of age, began her training at the early age of five. Having had the advantage of being trained by her mother and grand-mother under the supervision of her great grand-mother, she appeared at her first public performance at the tender age of twelve.

Srimati Muthurathnambal's achievement has been to maintain and popularize the best and the most authentic classical tradition of Bharatnatyam for over thirty-five years. Her style of dancing is noted for 'Kalpana Abhinaya' (imaginative improvisation of expressions).

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