

SHRI BRIJU MAHARAJ

I present to you, Sir, Shri Brij Mohan Misra, popularly known as Briju Maharaj, winner of the Akademi Award for Kathak dance.

Shri Briju Maharaj, who was born in 1937, is the son of the great Achhan Maharaj. He is today the youngest hereditary exponent of the Lucknow School of Kathak. Shri Briju Maharaj began his formal training in Kathak at the age of 7, first under his father and then under his uncles Shri Shambhu Maharaj and Shri Lacchu Maharaj. He Left Lucknow at the age of 15, and since then he has been teaching in Delhi. For some years now he has been on the staff of the Bharatiya Kala Kendra, New Delhi, where he is both a Kathak teacher and the Director of the Ballet Unit.

Apart from being an outstanding Kathak virtuoso, Shri Briju Maharaj has several ballets in the Kathak technique to his credit. Shri Briju Maharaj has given recitals all over India as well as in Europe, America, Japan and South-East Asia.