

SHRI HARADI RAMA GANIGA

I present to you, Sir, Shri Haradi Rama Ganiga, who has received the Akademi Award for Yakshagana dance.

Shri Haradi Rama Ganiga was born in 1902 in the village of Haradi in South Kanara. He is a leading hereditary exponent of the Yakshagana tradition.

He began his professional career as a Yakshagana artiste at the age of 14, and since then he has taken the leading role in almost all the traditional Yakshagana plays. He has spent most of his years in the service of the temple troupe of Mandarthi.

As a Yakshagana dancer, Shri Haradi Rama Ganiga is famous for his rendering of the 'impromptu monologue' which is an important aspect of the Yakshagana technique and which offers a challenge to every performer.