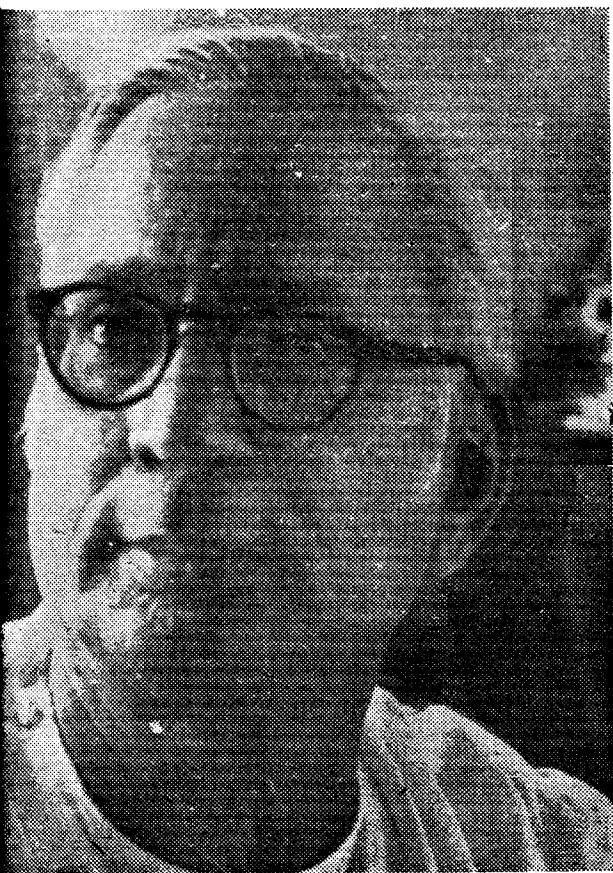




Shambhu Maharaj



I present to you, Sir, Shri Shambhu Maharaj, a leading exponent of the Kathak dance.

Shri Shambhu Maharaj belongs to the traditional Lucknow Gharana of Kathak and is a son of the late Shri Kalka Prasad and a nephew of the late Shri Bindadin, both outstanding figures in the realm of Kathak.

Shri Shambhu Maharaj has danced at numerous conferences all over India and many of the leading Kathak dancers today have been his pupils. He has received several titles and honours, including Padma Shri in 1958. He has been for several years now working as a teacher of Kathak at the Bharatiya Kala Kendra, and presently at its subsidiary, the Kathak Kendra, New Delhi.

For his contribution to the enrichment of Kathak, Shri Shambhu Maharaj has been elected Fellow of the Akademi.