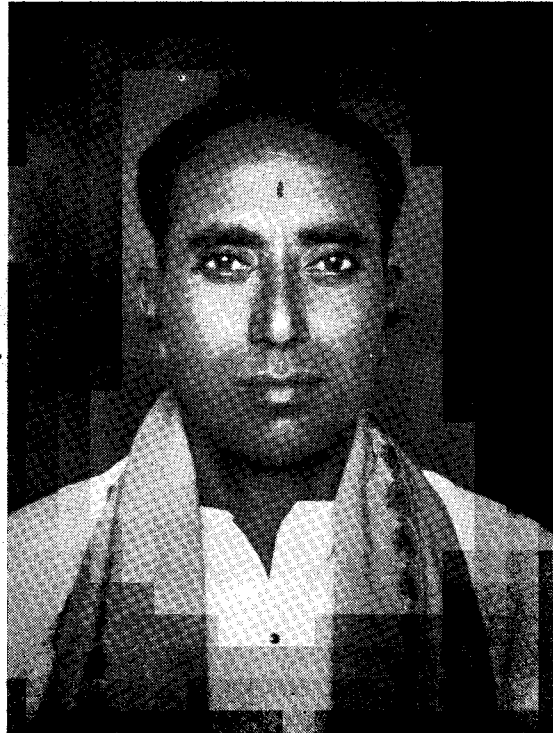


1968 AKADEMI AWARDS

Chinta Krishnamurti



I present to you, Sir, Shri Chinta Krishnamurti.

Born in 1912 in the village of Kuchipudi, Sri Chinta Krishnamurti has long held the Kuchipudi stage both as an outstanding actor - dancer and as a teacher. He is the son of Shri Chinta Venkataramaiah, who founded the famous Venkatarama Natya Mandali in 1865 and with which Shri Krishnamurti has also been long associated.

Shri Chinta Krishnamurti has for several years worked as the Principal of the Siddhendra Kalakshetram, in Kuchipudi, and is at present its Kulapathi. He is the guru of several leading performers and teachers of Kuchipudi, including the great Kuchipudi dancer, Shri Vedantam Satyanarayana. Shri Chinta Krishnamurti received the title of 'Bharata Kalaprapurna' from the Andhra Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi.

For his eminence in the field of dance and his contribution to its development, Shri Chinta Krishnamurti receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kuchipudi Dance Guru.