



MADDALI USHA GAYATRI

Akademi Award: Kuchipudi

Born on 26 April 1955 in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, Shrimati Maddali Usha Gayatri received her training in Kuchipudi under Vedantam Jagannadha Sarma.

Shrimati Maddali Usha Gayatri has choreographed numerous ballets including Yasoda Krishna, Alamelu Mega Charitam, Geethanjali, Aamrapali, Alokaye Sree Bala Krishnam, Matrudevobhava, Ila Vaikuntham, Trishakthi Vaibhavam, Swatatra Bharath, Amruthotsava Bharathi, Shiva Bhakta Markandeya and Pushkara Pulakita Godavari and Varnam - the colours of the life and many more. She has presented her dance ballet extensively in major festivals and acted roles such as Sathyabhama, Mandodari, Yasoda, Gouthama Buddha, Yama and five different roles of mothers in Mathrudevobhava. Shrimati Maddali Usha Gayatri has established a dance institute named Nrutya Kinnera at Hyderabad with a branch at Mumbai where she imparts training in the art form to young aspirants.

She has received numerous prestigious awards including the Hamsa award, Nrutya Ratna, Ugadi Puraskaram, and many more.

Shrimati Maddali Usha Gayatri receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for her contribution to Kuchipudi dance.