



NIRUPAMA RAJENDRA AND T.D. RAJENDRA

Akademi Award: Creative & Experimental Dance

Shrimati Nirupama Rajendra was born on 1 March 1970 and Shri T.D. Rajendra was born on 16 July 1965 at Bengaluru, Karnataka. They have learnt Kathak from Maya Rao, Kumudini Lakhia and Arjun Mishra, Bharatanatyam from U.S Krishnarao and Chandrabhaga Devi, Kalamandalam Radhika and Narmada. They also learnt Natyashastra from Sundari Santanam and Padma Subrahmanyam.

Nirupama and Rajendra have flourished in the arts for over three decades, excelling as dancers, choreographers, producers, and directors. As founders of Abhinava Dance Company, they have toured globally for performances in prestigious dance festivals. They have extensively performed and conducted lecture demonstrations within the country and abroad including the festivals organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Nirupama Rajendra have received numerous awards and recognitions including the Karnataka Kalashree Award 2011, Nrithya Choodamani Award 2016, Governor's Commendation for Outstanding Contribution to Indian Dance in Oklahoma 2008, and many more prestigious accolades from institutions and organizations worldwide.

Shrimati Nirupama and Shri Rajendra receive the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for their contribution to Creative & Experimental dance.