

BHAGABAN SAHU

I present to you, Sir, Shri Bhagaban Sahu.

Born in 1914 in the Ganjam District of Orissa, Shri Bhagaban Sahu is very much a son of the soil in the sense that he has spent practically all his life in the pursuit of the dances native to his land.

Shri Bhagaban Sahu is a dancer and drummer of formidable power. He is also a teacher and choreographer of outstanding merit. Many are the dances of his people that he has painstakingly collected and adapted for the stage. He and his team have appeared at numerous dance festivals and, where competition has been the deciding factor, bagged many a prize.

Shri Bhagaban Sahu also learnt the Orissi dance when he was young. For some years he ran a circus of his own, when he performed such dare-devil feats as the Motor-cycle in the Well of Death.

For some years now Shri Bhagaban Sahu is running a school for training in folk dance in Orissa, known as Narendrapur Kala Vikash Kendra.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Bhagaban Sahu receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Folk Dance.



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