

I present to you, Sir, Pandit Gauri Shankar Devilal Kathak.

Shri Gauri Shankar was born in 1918 in Rajasthan and he belongs to the Jaipur Gharana of Kathak. He received training in the art from his father Devilal and from Shivalal.

As early as 1936 Shri Gauri Shankar danced at the Berlin Olympiad and won a prize in the International Competition. He also toured and performed all over Europe for over two years then, as a leading artiste in the troupe of Madame Menaka, to whom Kathak owes much for its revival some four decades ago.

Apart from extensive performing and teaching experience Shri Gauri Shankar has choreographed dance-dramas in the Kathak idiom and also given dance direction for a number of films.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment Pandit Gauri Shankar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathak.



**PANDIT GAURI SHANKAR**