

Durga Lal.



I present to you, Sir, Shri Durga Lal.

Shri Durga Lal was born in 1948 at Mahendragarh, in Rajasthan. He belongs to a family of traditional musicians and was initiated in the arts by his father, Shri Omkar Lal. He learnt the art of Kathak dance from the eminent Gurus of the Jaipur Gharana, Pandit Sunder Prasad and his brother, Shri Devi Lal. He also learnt the art of playing the Pakhawaj from Pt. Purushottam Das of Nathdwara. Under the guidance of his Gurus, he has acquired proficiency in dance, percussion and vocal music.

Shri Durga Lal has performed widely in India and abroad. He is one of the leading exponents of the art of Kathak today. His excellence in pure dance and rhythm is widely recognised. He has experimented with Talas and percussion instruments of the Hindustani and Carnatic music in his choreographic works.

He is the recipient of several awards including the Rajasthan State Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1983. He is currently teaching at the Kathak Kendra in New Delhi.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Durga Lal receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathak Dance for 1984.