



## MANJUSREE CHATTERJEE

Akademi Award: Kathak

Born on 14 May 1941 in Calcutta, Shrimati Manjusree Chatterjee received her initial training in Kathak dance under Nalin Kumar Ganguly. She was later groomed in the art by Guru Shambhu Maharaj of the Lucknow gharana and Guru Sunder Prasad representing the Jaipur school of Kathak. She studied Hindustani vocal music with Anupam Ghatak, and Rabindrasangeet from Bimal Bhushan. She also trained in recitation of poetry with Bani Kumar, and over a period regularly recited poems on All India Radio, Calcutta.

Shrimati Manjusree Chatterjee has distinguished herself both as a Kathak dancer and teacher. She has performed at various festivals within the country, and has also conducted workshops and lecture-demonstrations in India and abroad. At her school of dance Kala Vihar in Kolkata, she continues to train young Kathak dancers.

For her service to dance, Shrimati Manjusree Chatterjee has been honoured with the Sahitya Kala Parishad Samman (2003), and the Rashtriya Ekta Award bestowed by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.

Shrimati Manjusree Chatterjee receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Kathak dance.