

LAVANYA ANANTH

Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar
Dance – Bharatanatyam



Born on 27 August 1974 at Engineering from Chennai; School of Bharatanatyam from K.J. Sarasa and Smt. Kalanidhi

Chennai; a graduate in Electronics received training in the Vazhuvoor Shri. S.K. Rajarathnam Pillai, Smt. Narayanan; also studied Carnatic

Music under B. Ramamurthy Rao at Chennai; received the senior scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, New Delhi; performed in important dance festivals within the country and abroad including the major Sabhas of Chennai, festivals organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi and Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram; participated in the cultural festival organized in Japan, International Movement for Tamil Nadu Culture at Canada; conducted several workshops and lecture demonstrations on Bharatanatyam in USA, Canada and Japan; received several honours and awards including the Vasantha Lakshmi Narasimhachari Endowment Award by Narada Gana Sabha (2003), Yuva Kala Bharati by Bharath Kalachar (2006) Chennai Online Natya Natchatiram Award from Chennai Online (2007) and Nandana Mamani (Shriram Award for Excellence) by Karthik Fine Arts, (2007); presently teaching Bharatanatyam to Young Dancers at her School “Natya Sameekshana” at Chennai.

Lavanya receives the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for Bharatanatyam.