

## VIJAYA KUMAR N.

KATHAKALI

Born on 4 May, 1975 at Champakkara, Kerala, Vijaya Kumar N. (Kalamandalam Vijayakumar) received his initial training in Kathakali at Kerala Kalamandalam under Kalamandalam Vasu Pisharodi, Kalamandalam Bala Subrahmanian and Kalamandalam Gopalkrishnan. He also obtained a post-diploma in Kathakali. He received the national scholarship from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.



Vijaya Kumar specialized in playing female roles, and enacted characters like Damayanti, Lalitha, Devyani and Devaki in major dance festivals within the country. For his notable talent as a young Kathakali artist, he received the Guru Kunchukurup Endowment Award in 1995 and the V.N. Menon Memorial Award in 2005. Presently, Vijaya Kumar is working as a teacher at the Sandarsan Kathakali Vidyalayam at Alappuzha.