



YUDHISTHIR NAYAK

ODISSI

Born on 18 April 1974 at Konark in Odisha, Shri Yudhisthir Nayak received his initial training in Gotipua dance under Shri Surendranath Mohapatra, and in Mayurbhanj Chhau under Shri Srikant Sen. Later, he received his training in Odissi dance under gurus Shri Gangadhar Pradhan, Shrimati Aruna Mohanty and Shri Bichitrananda Swain.

Shri Yudhisthir Nayak has performed in major dance festivals within the country including Odissi Nrityotsava and Swarna Samaroh of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ananya Dance Festival, Ashtapadi Festival, Konark Dance Festival, Puri Beach Festival, and Pollachi Dance Festival. He has also travelled extensively abroad for his performances in the U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, U.K., Singapore, China and Bangladesh. Shri Nayak has imparted training in Odissi dance as a visiting teacher and conducted workshops and seminars in the U.S.A at the Pallavi Group, the Shristi Dance of India, and the Utkala Kala Academy. Presently, he is imparting training in the art form at the Orissa Dance Academy, Bhubaneswar.

Shri Yudhisthir Nayak is awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Sangeet Natak Akademi for the year 2012 for his notable talent in the field of Odissi dance.