



**BHARATI SHIVAJI**  
**Akademi Award: Mohiniattam**

*Born in 1948 in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, Shrimati Bharati Shivaji had her training in Mohiniattam first under Radha Marar and later under the guidance of Kavalam Narayana Panikkar. She is also a proficient Bharatanatyam dancer, trained over several years by Lalita Shastri.*

*An outstanding exponent of Mohiniattam, Bharati Shivaji has contributed significantly towards the development of the dance style through research and creative application. Supported with a research fellowship from Sangeet Natak Akademi, she has worked with Kavalam Narayana Panikkar to expand the format and repertoire of Mohiniattam. She has performed extensively in India and abroad, bringing popularity to the dance. She is also a teacher at her Centre for Mohiniattam in Delhi. She has authored The Art of Mohiniattam and produced a film on the dance.*

*Among the Awards she has received are the Parishad Samman of Sahitya Kala Parishad, Delhi, in 1990, the Lasya Lakshmi Award of Kerala in 1988, and the Nritya Choodamani in 1994.*

*Shrimati Bharati Shivaji receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Mohiniattam.*



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