



JOSYULA SEETHARAMAIAH

AKADEMI AWARD: KUCHIPUDI

Born in 1923 in Kuchipudi, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Josyula Seetharamaiah is a prominent representative of the community of traditional Kuchipudi dancers. He received his basic training in Kuchipudi dance-drama from Tadepalli Peraiah Sastry and later learnt from Vedantam Lakshmi Narayana Sastry. He also learnt music from Maruthi Seetharamaiah and Bharatanatyam from Shri T. Bala Subrahmanyam Pillai.

As a member of a family of dancers, Shri Seetharamaiah started performing in Kuchipudi Yakshaganas early in life and later danced different roles in the traditional dance-drama. In 1959 he joined the Ghantasala Government Music and Dance College, Vijayawada, as a teacher where he served for sixteen years. He subsequently established his own institution at Vijayawada where he has been imparting training.

Shri Josyula Seetharamaiah has rendered a lifetime's service to Kuchipudi dance and has trained a number of disciples, some of whom are established dancers and teachers today. He received the Fellowship of the Andhra Pradesh Nrutya Academy in 1983 and has been honoured as Asthana Vidwan by the Kanakadurga Temple Trust, Vijayawada.

Shri Josyula Seetharamaiah receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Kuchipudi.

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