

M. MUTHIAH PILLAI

I present to you, Sir, Shri M. Muthiah Pillai.

Born in 1900, in the village of Pandanallur in Tamil Nadu, Shri Muthiah Pillai descends from five generations of outstanding masters of Bharata Natyam dance and music. His father was Pandanallur Meenakshisundaram Pillai and his father-in-law K. Ponniah Pillai.

Shri Muthiah Pillai has vast experience in teaching and composing for Bharata Natyam. His choreography has extended to both concert items as well as full-length dance-drama.

Shri Muthiah Pillai has received honours from various august bodies, including the Tamilnadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram, the Music Academy, Madras, and the Indian Institute of Fine Arts, Madras.

For his eminence in the field of Dance and his contribution to its enrichment Shri M. Muthiah Pillai receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Guru in Bharata Natyam.

