



MATHOOR GOVINDAN KUTTY
Akademi Award: Kathakali

Sbri Mathoor Govindan Kutty was born in 1940 in Nedumudi village in Kerala. He received his initial training in Kathakali from Nedumudi Kuttappa Paniker and subsequently studied the traditional theatre art under Kurichi Kunjan Panicker and Ambalapuzha Shekban at the Mathoor Kalari. He specialized in Kathakali Stri Vesham under Kudamaloor Kurunakaran Nair at the Thekkan Chitta Gurukulam.

Among the foremost exponents of the Gurukulam, Sri Mathoor Govindan Kutty has gained wide respect as a teacher and has trained a number of Kathakali performers at the Kudamaloor Kalakendra. He has performed extensively in India and abroad. Some of his notable performances include those at the opening ceremony of Asiad in 1982 and at Kathakali Mahotsav organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1993.

For his outstanding Kathakali performances, he has been conferred several honours by reputed organizations in Kerala. He received the Guru Chengannoor Award in 1993.

Sbri Mathoor Govindan Kutty receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Kathakali.